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MR. BUTLER GIVES AN ASSURANCE TO DR. KOO

Geneva, To-day.

Before the Chinese resolution was passed by the League Council yesterday a short statement was made by M. Charveriat, the French delegate, expressing France's sympathy with China.

He said they were prepared to participate in all efforts to restore peace in China.

Mr. Jordan (New Zealand) referred to the fact that 30,000,000 were starving in China.

The Russian delegate said he wished to associate himself with the request put forward by China.

Mr. R. A. Butler (Britain) said he believed that all Governments at Geneva were in profound sympathy with China in her sufferings.

He added that since the last meeting of the Council the British Government had been considering certain proposals set out by China.

These had been examined with great care and there was now the prospect of giving such satisfaction to the Chinese wishes "as circumstances permitted."—Reuter.

LAND MINE UNDER ARMY TRUCK

Jerusalem, To-day.

A soldier was killed and five wounded when a land mine exploded under a military trolley patrolling the Jerusalem-Lydda railway near Ramleh yesterday.

A 24-hour curfew was subsequently imposed at Ramleh. — Reuter.

PITTMAN PRICE FOR SILVER UNTHINKABLE

New York, To-day.

No mention is made in connection with Senator Key Pittman's silver proposal of the question of seignorage, which at present is 50 per cent.

Thus it appears that Senator Pittman proposes full statutory price for domestic silver.

Bullion circles are of opinion that the matter of seignorage was purposely left open for Congressional bargaining.

All agree that payment of the full $1.29 an ounce is unthinkable, and that the Bill will never be enacted unless modified.—Reuter.

WOMAN JOINS SOVIET CABINET

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

POLINA ZHEMSHUZHINA, WIFE OF THE PREMIER, M. MOLOTOFF, HAS BEEN APPOINTED COMMISSAR FOR THE FISHING INDUSTRY, THE NEWLY CREATED POST THE FUNCTIONS OF WHICH WERE FORMERLY PART OF THE COMMISSARIAT FOR FOOD AND INDUSTRIES.

She is thus the first woman member of the Cabinet and the First Lady of the Land in her own right, although nominally outranked by Lenin's widow.

Madame Zhemshezhina was previously head of the cosmetics industry which she built up personally. — Reuter.

DR. WELLINGTON KOO HOPEFUL

Geneva, To-day.

Dr. Wellington Koo, the chief Chinese delegate, in a statement to Reuter before his departure for Paris yesterday, said:

"My impression is that the consultations referred to in the Chinese resolution will begin in the near future.

"The statement made by Mr. Butler (the British delegate) was satisfactory as indicating that the British Government is ready to give financial aid to China.

"In the meantime all members of the League will be informed of my request of January 17 which included a demand for an embargo on aeroplanes and petrol." — Reuter.

FORTIFICATION RUMOUR DENIED

Paris, To-day.

Reports emanating from foreign sources that fortifications are being erected on the Franco-Spanish frontier against the possibility of French intervention, are declared by the General Staff here to be entirely untrue. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S BILL FOR CHINA WAR

Tokyo, To-day.

The extraordinary Army Budget for 1939-1940 is expected to come before the Diet early in February, and is likely to exceed 5,000,000,000 yen.

The extraordinary budget includes provision for the China fighting, Japanese troops stationed in Manchukuo, the five-year rearmament plan and a new armaments programme which starts in the next financial year. —Reuter.

OVER TEN MILLION PEOPLE DESTITUTE

London, To-day.

A least 10,000,000 people in Shantung, Shansi and Hopei are destitute, stated Dr. H. R. Williamson, chairman of the Shantung Relief Committee, at the conference of British missionary societies in London yesterday.

Dr. Williamson has just returned from investigations in North China.

There are only twenty Mission hospitals in those provinces dealing with hundreds of thousands of patients who do not even have money for food, he added.—Reuter.

DR. KOO RUMOUR

Paris, To-day.

Nothing is known at the Chinese Embassy here of a report from Tokyo that Dr. Wellington Koo, Ambassador to France and chief delegate to the League of Nations, has been appointed Foreign Minister by General Chiang Kai-shek.

Dr. Koo returns to Paris from Geneva on Monday.—Reuter.

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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

You ought to find it easy to concentrate on any matter requiring intensive thought on this day when conditions seem favourable for accomplishing anything you seriously undertake. Be careful part does not arouse a feeling of antagonism in someone seeking your help. It will be poor judgment to deal in generalities, if asked for an opinion or decision. Be sure to give praise when praise is due this day, for withholding it is apt to have a bad reaction on some of your personal affairs. Express your own individuality and refrain from attempting to copy someone else's. Any tendency to procrastinate in attending to matters of a financial nature is likely to be a serious mistake. Married and engaged couples, as well as those assiduously courting their matrimonial ideal, must be careful that some form of critism this day does not act as a boomerang upon themselves.

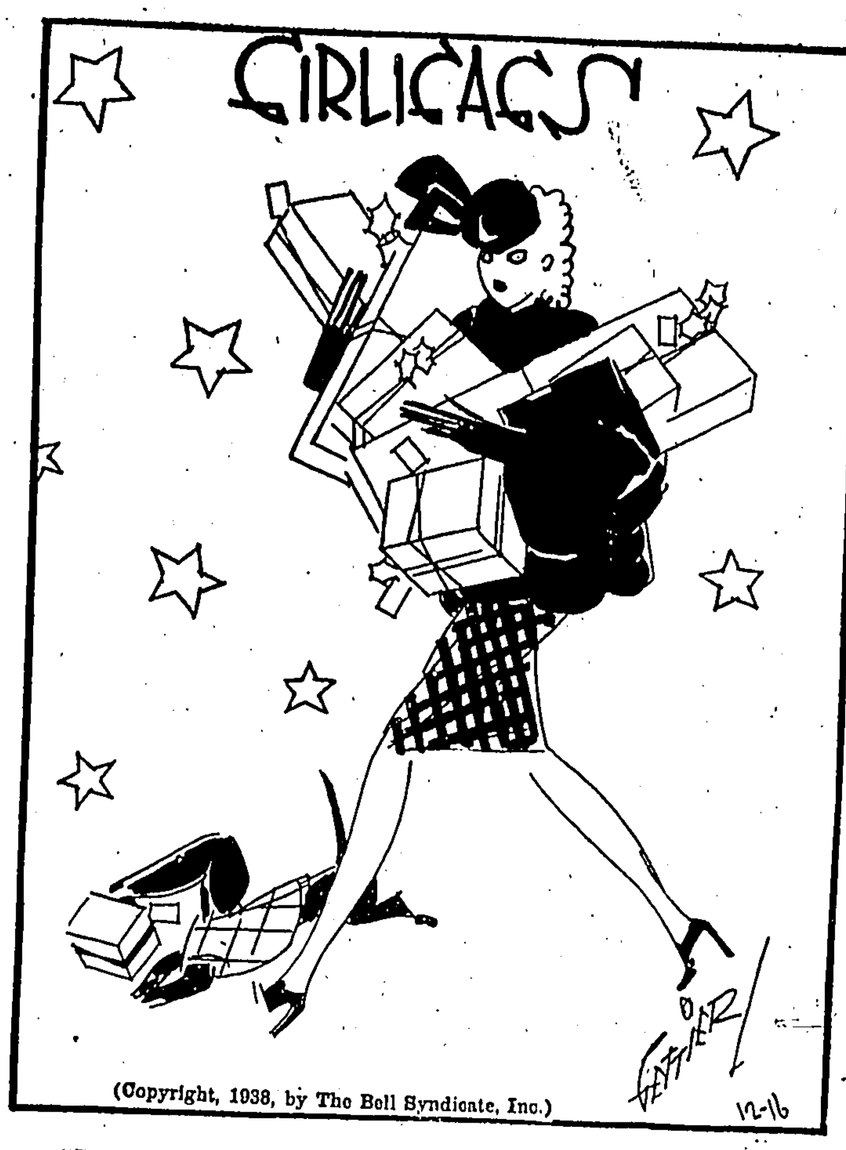
If a woman and January 21 is your birthday, your diction ought to be excellent, and your conversational powers above the average person's. You are, perhaps, very discriminating in the matter of Clothing, food and entertainment. Your intellectual development is apt to be very gratifying to yourself and friends, as it may bring you into the limelight. You should have the happy faculty of correcting any mistakes you make, with comparative ease. The stage, literary field, educational or social welfare work, as well as the commercial world, should offer you many opportunities to make money. Your selection of a husband is likely to be a very wise one.

The child born on January 21, may be extremely sensitive, very cautious about running any physical risks, and studious when it comes to school work. This youngster appears to have a bright future.

Witty Kitty

The only kind of a blushing bride Modern Madeline has ever heard of was when the groom failed to show up.

GIRLICAGS



"Perhaps they call it carving a career," says sophisticated Sue, "because there is so much knifing."

Fashions-Straight From Paris

The sixteenth Aviation Exhibition in Paris has been the occasion for the Parisiennes to show against an original background of giant birds the latest fashions in Paris, and the mild weather induced them to put on many juvenile tailor-mades, precursors of Spring. Most of these are trimmed with silver fox, natural or white fox, the latter being the most in favour. Jackets are in general tight-fitting at the waist and the skirt full, as recently seen at Molyneux's presentation; jackets are made of plaid or tweed and skirts in dark plain material. Some jackets mould the bust, the waist and hips. They are often adorned with cross-cuts, and some have revers embroidered in gold.

Blouses are in great favour and highly worked; they are made of crepe Georgette, lace, satin, either entirely pleated or worked with insertions of lace or embroidered motifs horizontally placed, the same trimmings spreading on to the sleeves, which are long and wide gathered at the wrist, or short. Jeanne Lanvin presents a blouse made of black crepe Georgette with bands of white Valenciennes. Almost all the blouses are without basques. They are often of the same shade as the tailor-mades.

Dresses have the same outline as the new tailor-mades, that is, tight-fitting bodice and full skirts, with slightly puffy sleeves tapering below the elbow, and a big flower placed under the chin is their only ornament.

Materials in fashions are velvets crepes, satin, moire, and woollens

Regarding coats, beside the straight and wide coats which are much in favour the redingote will appear in Spring and will again take first place. Shoulders are worked with reliefs and gathers, and embroidered motifs adorn the front of coats. Such as that created by Bruyere for winter sports, which is extremely elegant, a beige full coat lined in plum, with a hood inspired by the charming local headdress of the Savoy region, one of the most picturesque in the French Alps. On each side of the front of the coat is a stylise acanthus embroidered in the same shade, Sleeves are trimmed with high cuffs of lynx fur.

Details, of course, continue to take a great part in Paris fashions. There are plastrons, motifs and collars made of lames, spangles, and rulticoloured beads. Much jewellery is worn and the fashionable shops of the rue Saint-Honore seem to have scattered over their shelves all the treasures from an old iron chest of the Arabian Nights, big linked gold chains, buckles, necklaces, brooches, and jewels in cloisonne enamel, the latest novelty in details.

Milliners grow ever bolder, and innovations follow one another rapidly, Harlequin hats, little berets of all sorts, some almost forming masks; felt crowns cut in many designs allowing the hair to show in contrast, some hats with reliefs made of mixed felt and quilted satins; toques made of feathers, flowers, furs, and last but not least beguins with a crown made of net and a brim of mink, and enhanced by a double ruche of narrow black lace. Veils are being worn close to the face, knotted behind and hanging to the waist. For evening wear, headdresses are inspired by trimmings of the day hats.

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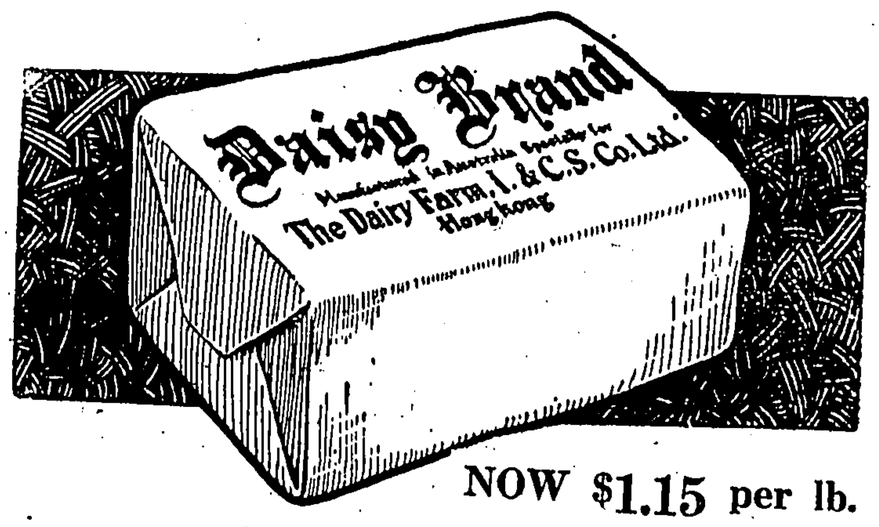

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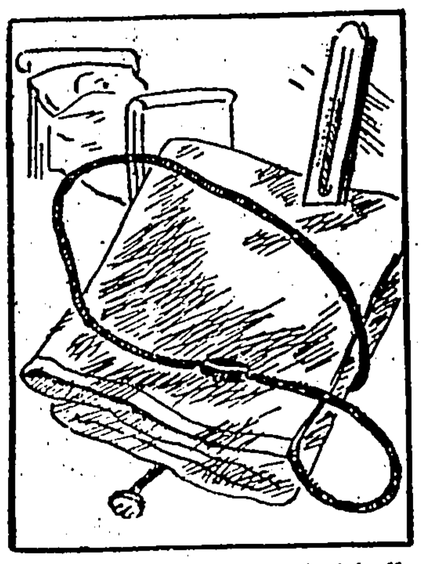
The designers have glorified the peasant bonnet for the American girl and have made out of the simple cotton handkerchief a glamorous affair of silk and velvet, spangled with rhinestones, or glittering with sequins. A lot of these fascinating bonnets will get under Christmas trees this year.



Those nice, warm, electrically heated blankets that used to cost such a mint of money, have come out in a less expensive but just as efficient edition. This blanket has three fixed heats, so you can sleep cozy and unweighted, in the coldest weather.

Good old-fashion flannelette, like a good many old-fashion things, is staging a come-back, with all the modern improvements of chic line, good fit and up-to-the-minute trimming. Sketched is a new pajama with slightly fitted jacket and white fringe trimming for extra chic.

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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Women Should Avoid Shopping Fatigue

It is one of woman's habits to procrastinate—to put off everything until to-morrow which she can possibly avoid doing to-day! Christmas for instance finds her rushing around madly, buying gifts which are not appropriate and getting so fatigued that husband and family draw a sigh of relief once Mother has finished her hectic role of Santa Claus!

Why not take time and do your thinking at home? Don't go and hang over a crowded counter, being jostled on every side, and idly finger merchandise wondering whether Aunt Minnie would ever use it, or if your daughter would give you fits for buying it at all? Take a pencil in hand and make your list of "musts." Then flip the pages of your newspaper or some magazines and collect a few ideas. On Monday go out and buy as many as you can, while the stock is still rather fresh, and the numerous late shoppers are still at home.

Before going on this reducing diet get approval from a physician.

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BREAKFAST

	Calories
Drink the strained juice of a lemon in 2/3 glass of warm water every morning, directly after early elimination and at least one-half hour before breakfast	50
AND	
1 ordinary drinking tumbler of orange and grapefruit juice mixed	100
AND	
Choice of:	
5 halves of stewed pears	100
or	
2/3 cup of canned pineapple	100
AND	
Choice of:	
Clear coffee or tea with little lemon	—
Total calories for breakfast	250
Tall girl allowed	350

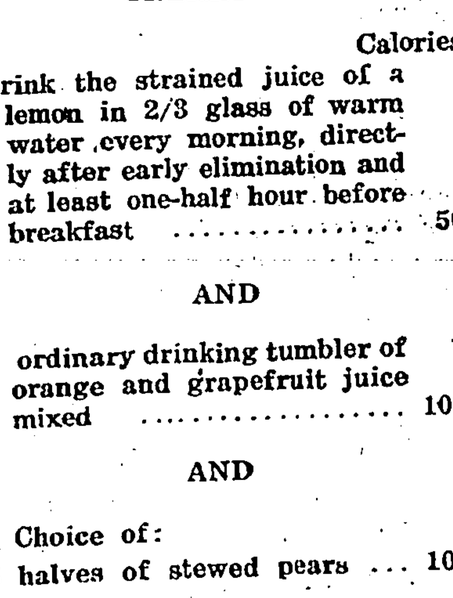
Note: If you feel hungry the middle of the morning drink one ordinary glass of tomato juice.

LUNCHEON

Oyster stew with milk 1½ cups	200
4 soda crackers	100
1 head of lettuce, French dressing (necessary)	100
Total	400

DINNER

¾ cup cream crabmeat on toast	150
¾ cup green peas	100
1 cup spinach (necessary)	50
1 glass buttermilk or skimmed	75
1 fruit compote (4 pieces)	125
Total	500
Total calories for the day	1150
Tall girl allowed	1400



Last minute shoppers get it going and coming! By Christmas they are too fatigued to enjoy Santa's bounty.

A touch of gayest embroidery, a twist of clever needles, and we have, in place of the sober sweater, this blouse, which retains all the nice warm, domestic virtues, with a bit of frivolity added. Just the thing to go into a Christmas package for a young lady.

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ITALIAN LEGION COMMANDER WAS WOUNDED

Rome, To-day.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Italian legionaries in Nationalist Spain, General Gastone Gambara, has left again for the front having recuperated from a wound contracted on the January 7 in the offensive against Catalonia, states a report here to-day.

While inspecting troops in the firing line and directing an attack, the Italian Commander-in-Chief was hit in the thigh by splinters from an aircraft bomb.

Despite fever caused by infection, General Gambara never relinquished the command but continued to direct the operations uninterrupted from his camp bed.

General Franco paid Gambara a personal visit.

Despite the objections of medical advisers, General Gambara has now gone by car to the front in order to direct personally the new offensive of the legionaries.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE RESUME HUPEH DRIVE

Changteh, To-day.

The war pace in Central Hupeh has been accelerated as two Japanese columns are driving westward from Yingcheng, 52 miles northwest of Hankow, in a fresh offensive.

One column is heading for Chungsiang, by way of Kingshan, while another column is striking at Tienmen on the Hankow-Ichang highway. Bitter fighting is raging at Kingshan and Tienmen.

The objective of the Japanese drive is believed to be Shasi and Ichang.

Heavy casualties have been inflicted upon the Japanese around Kingshan.—Central News.

LEAGUE COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON SPAIN

Geneva, To-day.

The League Council resolution on Spain declares that several of the Nationalist air attacks which have been investigated must be deemed to have been directed intentionally or by negligence against the civilian population.

The resolution notes with satisfaction the Spanish representatives' assurances that the Spanish Government will not take reprisals for aerial bombardment of which the civilian population in its territory is the victim.—Reuter.

GERMANS SENTENCED AT PANAMA

Panama, To-day.

Two Nazis, Hans Schackow and Ernst Kuhrig, were yesterday sentenced to two years imprisonment for espionage in the Panama Canal Zone.

They were accused of photographing the defences.—Reuter.

KING FAROUK HAILED AS CALIF OF ISLAM

Cairo, To-day.

A sensation was caused here yesterday when King Farouk was cheered by the congregation of the Quoson Mosque as Khalif of Islam.

It is significant that among the congregation were Emir Seifel Islam Hussein of Yem, Emir Faisal of Saudi Arabia, Faisal's brother, Emir Khaled, and 500 Egyptian officers.

King Farouk had taken the place of the Imam in the Mosque and led the prayers.—Reuter.

RE-UNION OF OLD BOYS

A very pleasant evening was spent at the Kam Ling Restaurant yesterday when Captain William Bosman was the host to a reunion dinner of past students of 50 years ago at the old Government Central School, now Queen's College.

Sir Robert Ho Tung an old boy was unable to attend owing to indisposition.

In the course of a speech, Mr. Frank White referred to the generous donation of $50,000 and scholarship to the Hong Kong University by Captain Bosman recently.

Other old boys present were, Messrs. Shi Yu-man, Un Yun-fong, Hung Hing-fat, Pang Shan-chun, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Sing-chow, Chiu Ho-ping, Yeung Chik-kai, Ip Lan-chuen, Chan Hon-ku, Lo Sing-lan, Ho Kut-po, Cheung Kwai, M. A. Razark, Ho Wing, Tong Tsoi-ching, Chan Ngan-ting and Lo Suen-wing.

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A man with one leg and crutches walked into the manager's room of the Stockton-on-Tees Employment Exchange. He was just about down and out, shabby, hungry, desperate.

He told Mr. Soar, the manager, his story. Before the accident which had cost him his leg he had been a machinist, but only for a short time; not long enough to be skilled.

He was living with his aged parents and a semi-invalid sister, who earned a little money by cleaning.

He had tried and tried to find work, but what chance had he—on crutches? Could Mr. Soar help him?

Mr. Soar felt pretty sure that this was a hopeless case, but the man's pleading and earnestness appealed to him. 'I'll try," he said.

He thought it over. Suppose the man had an artificial leg.....

Mr. Soar went to the local official of the Royal Surgical Aid Society. Yes, said the official, the man could have a new leg—if he could get 100 subscribers to recommend him. He gave Mr. Soar the list of hundreds of subscribers.

THEY PAID

"This is impossible," thought Mr. Soar, "but I'll try."

He went right through the list and picked out 150 names that for one reason or another he fancied usually because their owners lived in prosperous districts.

He wrote 150 letters and enclosed a stamped addressed envelope with each. Just so that the cripple should realise what was being done for him he sent for him, sat him down with pen and paper, and told him to write twelve letters himself.

Then—he is a Rotarian—he went to the Rotary Club, told them the story and said. "Now, you're gong to pay for the postage." They did pay.

The replies came. Letter after letter said, "I am sorry, but I have used up all my recommendations." Some added: "But I have put you first on my list because you enclosed envelope."

READY FOR WORK

Some said Yes. Some gave several recommendations.

The society was so impressed with Mr. Soar's industry that the required number was reduced to seventy. Mr. Soar reached seventy and a few ower.

The cripple was fitted with his leg and adjustments were made.

"Now go home," said Mr. Soar, "and when you feel all right with your leg come back, and I'll see what I can do about getting you a job."

Weeks passed. The employment manager began to wonder whether he had made a mistake, whether his effort had been wasted.

One day his door opened and the man stood there.

"I'm ready for work now," he said.

Next day Mr. Soar saw an employer starting his car to leave the works. He stopped him and told him his story.

"Send the man along to me and I'll have a look at him," said the employer.

He was so impressed with the cripple that he took him on, taught him his job.

Then, one day, Mr. Soar had a 'phone call from an official of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. "We can't have this," was the gist of his remarks. "This man's not got a ticket. He'll have to be stopped"

Again Mr. Soar told his story. "I thought I was helping a man with a handicap," he said. "Your men have two feet to stand on and to look for work on. This man has only one."

That was the last he heard, except that the man had been made a member of the A.E.U.

"I sometimes see him coming from work" said Mr. Soar to a Sunday Express representative. "He's a different man altogether; well dressed, well set up, full of life, and happy."

In the Government records this story just means a difference of one in the unemployment total.

QUEEN ON RADIO?

The Queen will broadcast a greeting over the Canadian nation-wide radio network during her visit to the Dominion this summer if tentative arrangements are approved.

Canadians were greatly impressed by the Queen's speech in Glasgow at the launching of the Queen Elizabeth, and eagerly anticipate hearing her again.

HE BAKES EVERLASTING LOAVES

Mr. P. C. Goddard baker, of Bridgwater, is giving mothers of newly-born babies in the district miniature cottage loaves . . . . that will last a lifetime. It is real bread, made with all the ingredients used in baking, but with something else added. That is Mr. Goddard's secret, and he is keeping it. Recently he was offered £200 for his recipe by a well-known London bakery.

After baking the tiny loaves are varnished to keep their "bloom" for twenty years or more. Mr. Goddard has several of these loaves which he made fifteen years ago. They are still as good as when they were fresh.

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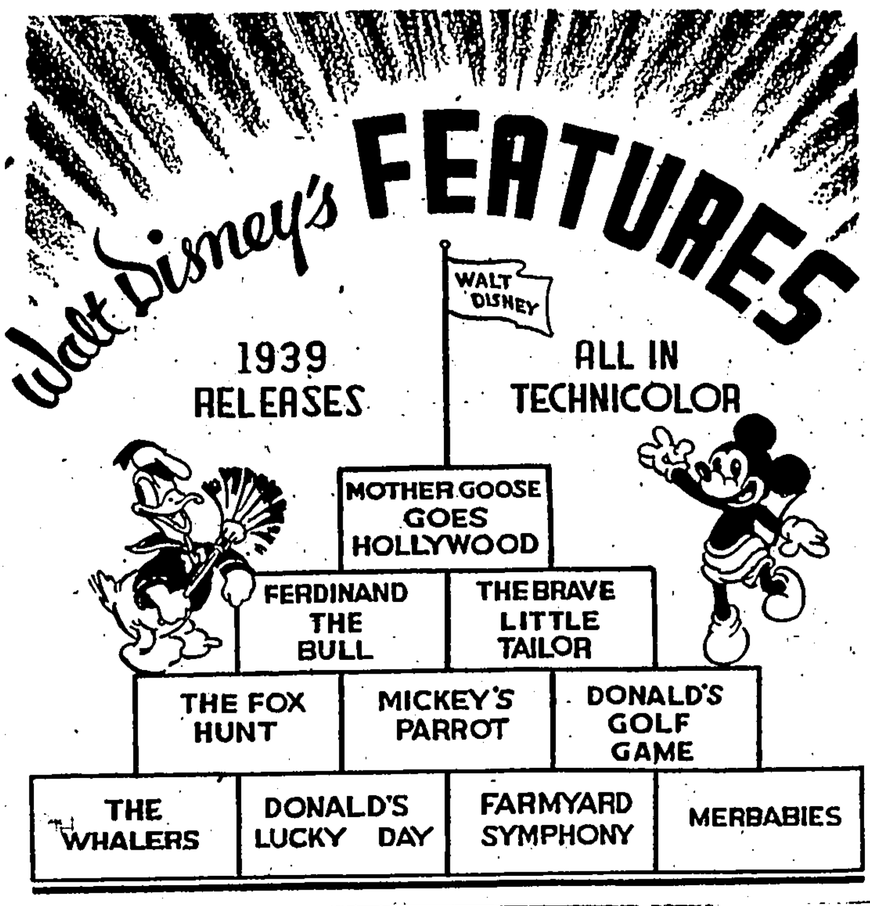

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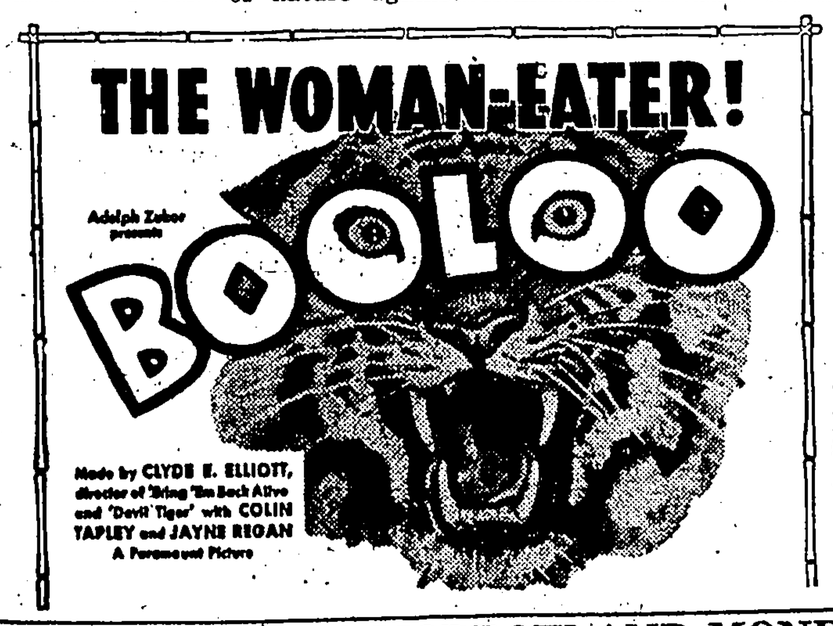

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FURTHER BOMB OUTRAGES BY I.R.A. FEARED BY ULSTER LEADER

London, To-day.

Sir Wilson Hungerford, secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council, said yesterday that he would not be surprised if there were further bomb outrages.

The Northern Ireland Government had been able to warn London that the outrages might take place.

He added it was obvious that the outrages were a sequel to the proclamation recently issued by the so-called Irish Republican Army.

Sir Wilson declared that there was no suggestion that the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland on March 7 should be postponed, though in the unsettled circumstances it was not a thing Ulster was viewing with delight. — Reuter.

LONDON CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

Several members of the Government of Northern Ireland are expected to arrive in London shortly in order to confer with the British Government concerning the measures to be taken to combat further outrages.—Trans-Ocean.

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FRANCO CLAIMS FURTHER SUCCESSES

Salamanca, To-day.

Further successes on the northern sector of the Catalan front, leading to the capture of Concabella la Dorena, Sedo Ostafran and Ribo, are mentioned in an extra war communique.

Encirclement of Igualada has made further progress as a result of a considerable advance to the east and the capture of the villages of Penarosa, Castelnou Monfalco, Pestana and Olujas.

In the coast region, the southern wing occupied five villages, including Murcia and Torredemberra.

A session of the National Spanish Cabinet was held not as usual in Burgos but somewhere behind the front in Catalonia, owing to the fact that General Franco is personally conducting operations.

Great importance is attached to the successes on the northern sector.

BARCELONA STATEMENT

A Barcelona message says that the nationalist forces supported by tanks and artillery and aircraft continued their offensive in the sectors of Belverde, Segur Argensola, Santa de Queralt and Villarodoma.

Despite stubborn resistance of the Republican troops, the enemy succeeded in making minor territory gains. On the Estremadura front, all enemy attempts to dislodge the Republican troops from their captured position were frustrated. — Trans-Ocean.

CAUGHT BURGLAR

The "China Mail" is informed that the burglar who entered No. 262, Prince Edward Road, at about 2.40 a.m. on Thursday morning, was arrested and detained until the arrival of the police by Mr. W. W. Hirst, occupier of the house.

It was incorrectly reported that the man was arrested by a European police sergeant.

Dr. Schacht's Retirement Comes As Surprise In Reich

Officials Insist Real Reason Is That Announced

Bourse Stands Up Better Than Expected

Berlin, To-day.

All Berlin is trying to discover the reason for the retirement of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, the Reichsbank President, but the secret has been well kept.

Hitler received Dr. Schacht in the morning and thanked him for his loyalty to the Third Reich.

There had been nothing in Dr. Schacht's appearance or attitude the previous day to indicate that he anticipated yesterday's events.

On the other hand, Reuter understands in well-informed circles, the re-organisation announced yesterday had been the subject of deliberation at a meeting of the German Cabinet at which Dr. Schacht himself was present.

It is denied on all sides that the change will result in any differences in regard to the handling of Germany's finances and economy.

OFFICIAL INSISTENCE

Official circles insist that the real reason is the one announced, namely the desirability of unifying the financial and economic command of the nation.

The Berlin Bourse withstood the change better than expected, and business improved towards the end, and the markets generally closed firm.

No change is anticipated in the Nazi Government's attitude towards Germany's foreign indebtedness, including the Dawes and Young Loans.

Regarding the talks on Jewish emigration it is hinted in usually reliable circles that Dr. Schacht might still proceed with the talks. —Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The following official statement has been issued:—

"The complete achievement of all additional tasks imposed in the reconstruction of Greater Germany demands uniform control over all economic affairs and the money and capital market policy.

"For this reason, the Fuehrer has decreed that the direction of the Reich Economics' Ministry and the Reichsbank should be in the hands of the same person.

"In consequence of this decision, the Fuehrer has released Dr. Schacht from his functions as President of the Reichsbank Directorate, and appointed in his stead, for a period of four years, the present Reich Economics Minister, Walther Funk, who retains the post of Reich Economics Minister. Dr. Schacht will be called upon to collaborate in the solution of special problems."—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER'S BROADCAST

London, To-day.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain is broadcasting from Downing Street on Monday night on National Service.

Schedules of reserved occupations will be made known to the public on Tuesday, and deliveries of the Government's National Service handbook will begin throughout the country on Wednesday.—Reuter.

SLAP AT UNITED STATES

Washington, To-day.

The appointment of Dr. Walter Funk as President of the Reichsbank in succession to Dr. Schacht was termed by a high department official here as a "slap at the United States."

Other officials said that Dr. Funk was "noted for his animosity towards the United States."

ONLY A FIGUREHEAD

General comment in the Department of Commerce here on Dr. Schacht's "dismissal," was that the change had no real bearing on German-American trade because Dr. Schacht had long been only a "figurehead," and Germany was already doing everything she could to curtail trade with the United States.

It is predicted, however, that despite Germany's efforts to diminish purchases from the United States, such necessities as cotton, petroleum, copper, lead and phosphates would continue to be bought here because Germany needs them badly.—Reuter.

NAVAL SECRETARY AT ADMIRALTY

London, To-day.

Rear Admiral Stuart Bonham-Carter has been appointed Naval Secretary to the First Lord of Admiralty in succession to Rear Admiral Whitworth. The new Naval Secretary took part in the raid on Zeebrugge during the Great War.—Trans-Ocean.

An underground school for pit boys has been started at the collieries of Newton Chambers and Co., Thorncliffe, near Sheffield. It is their intention to overcome the difficulties caused by lack of experience on the part of boys beginning work in the pit. Boys are taught two days a week. They are given a lecture for about an hour on the surface and then taken underground for about three hours in charge of a mining expert. Photo shows boys returning their safety-lamps after their practical lesson down the mine.

PALESTINE ARABS NOT SATISFIED BY GRAND MUFTI'S NOMINATIONS

Jerusalem, To-day.

Forty Arab notables from all parts of Palestine met yesterday in the house of Fakhri Bey Nashasibi, acting leader of the Arab Defence Party opposing the Mufti of Jerusalem.

They declared that the Arab delegates to the London Conference appointed at Beirut did not represent the Palestine Arabs but only the Mufti.

They telegraphed to the representatives of the Arab states at Cairo, including the Egyptian and Iraqi Premiers, stating that while they hoped for successful results from the Cairo conference, nevertheless the Palestine Arabs did not consider themselves adequately represented in the form suggested at Cairo, believing that such representation was "purely partisan." — Reuter.

C.E.C. PLENARY SESSION

Chungking, To-day.

The preliminary meeting of the Fifth Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang was held yesterday when the date and place for the official opening of the session was decided.

This, however, will be kept secret until the eve of the opening of the session.

Delegates from all parts of China, including territory now occupied by the Japanese, are arriving daily, some on foot and some by car.—Our Own Correspondent.

FOREIGN PROPERTY HIT IN KULING RAID

Nanchang, To-day.

Considerable damage was done to foreign property during a Japanese raid on Kuling, famous summer resort, on January 16, according to reports received here.

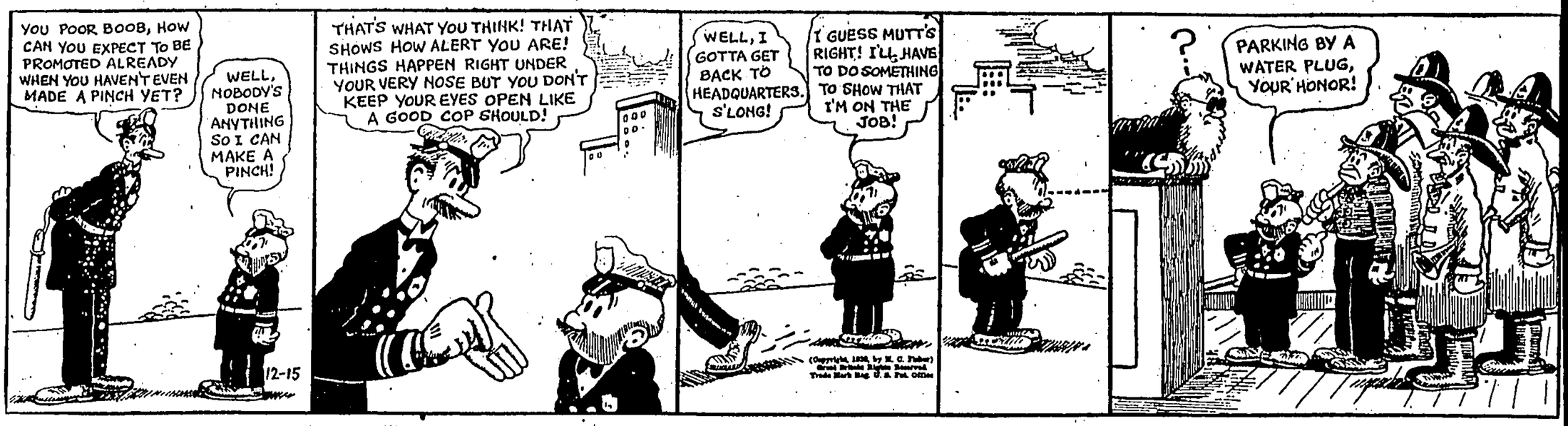
Several bombs landed in missionary residences and churches.

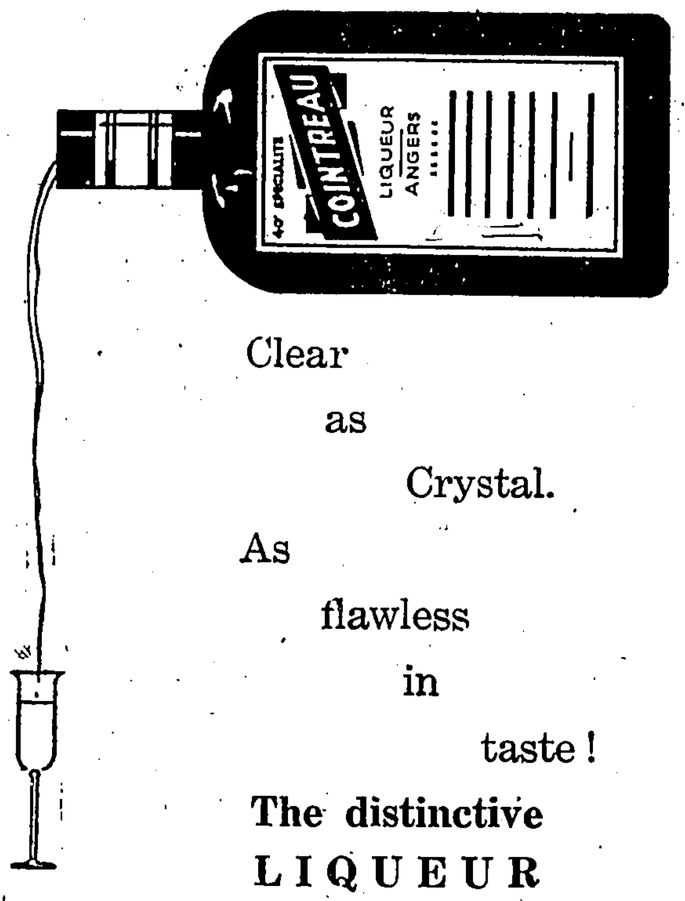
The foreign missions concerned have telegraphed their consulates protesting against the Japanese bombing.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are intensifying the attack on the Chinese forces round the summer resort. Fighting is going on at Changchiashan, southwest of Kuling, and other points in the neighbourhood. —Central News.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER





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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

The Sacrifice

By Meredith Scholl

WATCHING Hal Lyman from the window of the inn, Teresa's small hands clenched until the nails dug into her palms. Accompanying Hal was the red-headed girl who had arrived the night before and whom he had introduced as Prue Dewey.

"Known her all her life," he laughingly explained. "Kids together. She heard I was entered in the cross-country ski run and came up to give me the raspberry."

Hal had seemed innocent enough about it, and so had Prue Dewey, but Prue was tremendously attractive, and she was altogether too familiar with Hal to suit Teresa.

This morning, for example, she had gotten up early and gone out with Hal for his practice run, while Teresa, being sensible, had remained in the warm comfort of her bed.

"He's engaged to me," she thought fiercely. "Doesn't she realize that? Doesn't Hal realize it?" Her anger grew as she reviewed swiftly the events leading up to the engagement. It hadn't been an easy task to bring Hal to terms. He was handsome and popular and the best ski runner in the state. In to-day's meet he was representing the Sunnyslope Ski club, and big things were expected of him.

Teresa was the club's newest member and the daughter of its oldest member. She had been studying abroad. When she saw Hal Lyman, and heard about him, she decided that here was a conquest that would not only prove interesting, but would, if successful, elevate her to the popularity which her vanity craved.

"And no red-headed hussy is going to cheat me out of it," she told herself grimly.

She was in the lobby when Hal and Prue Dewey entered, red-cheeked and laughing.

"Hello, darling!" Hal exclaimed at sight of Teresa, and she thrilled to the eagerness in his voice.

"Oh, Hal." She smiled at him languidly. "And Miss Dewey. How nice that both of you are early risers."

The implication escaped Hal entirely. Prue Dewey smiled and headed for the stairs. "I'm off to change. See you both at breakfast."

"Isn't she sweet," Teresa said. "You have such attractive friends, Hal."

"Glad you like her, honey. I want you to like all my friends."

"Hal, I've a very special favour I want to ask you."

"Why, honey, just mention it. You know I'd break my neck if it would make you happy."

"That's just it." Suddenly she was tender, but firm. "I don't want you to break your neck. I don't want you to enter the meet this afternoon."

"Not enter the meet? Why, honey, I—I've got to. They're depending upon me. It means everything."

"And it means everything to me to have a whole husband. Hal, I insist that you withdraw."

"But, darling, you don't understand ——".

"I understand perfectly. After all, when a girl accepts a man she expects some consideration, some sacrifice as proof of his love. This is a choice between me and —— and something you want to do."

Hal looked at her levelly, soberly. "I see. Very well, Teresa, I shall withdraw my name at once."

Teresa's triumph was exhilarating. Standing with her father and a group of young people, including Prue Dewey, near the finish line of the cross-country race, she was gay and bright and generous in her compliments to everyone. Wait, she thought, just wait till they know. I guess Miss Redhead will understand then how much he loves me.

The starter was barking an announcement. A murmur ran through the crowd. It soon grew into a roar. Hal Lyman had withdrawn from the race. He had quit. He was afraid of losing his title to Joe Gibbs. He claimed to be sick. Well, that's what happens to a man when he becomes famous. He gets yellow.

Words, cries, condemnations, oaths drummed against Teresa's ears. The roar of disappointment of anger of bewilderment grew and grew until it drowned out all other sounds. She looked into the faces of the people near her. She saw resentment and shattered faith and hate. And suddenly she realized what she had done, realized what a selfish little fool she had been, realized how much these people were depending upon Hal, her Hal ——.

"Tommy!" She cried, turning to Tommy Gough. "Quick! Run up to the inn and tell Hal I —— I'm sorry. I didn't mean it."

The contestants were ready. The announcer had finished his last order. The starter held his pistol poised, and suddenly someone shouted on the edge of the crowd. Others took it up. Cheering broke out, and through the excited avenue of faces Hal Lyman burst onto the scene, his skis across his shoulder, his face grim. He looked neither to right nor left, but jogged up to the starter, talked a minute and then began strapping on his equipment.

"He got here soon enough," Teresa thought. "He must have been expecting I'd send word and was ready."

Hal Lyman retained his title that day. Amid the wildly cheering throng of spectators he crossed the finish line 300 yards ahead of the runner-up.

Teresa, eyes shining, waited for him at the foot of the slope. But when Hal saw her he didn't smile. "Sorry, Teresa. You made me realize something. Or Prue did. he came back to the inn when she found out and we talked. I —— I guess all bets are off with us, Teresa. I didn't know till to-day how things stood."

He turned abruptly and started up the hill, eagerly, toward where a red-headed girl stood waiting.

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MR. ARITA ARGUES IN THE SAME OLD WAY

First Official Reply To Anglo-American Notes

'Independence' Under Tokyo's Tutelage

Tokyo, To-day.

Britain and the United States are doing better trade in Manchukuo than before the country became an Empire, stated the Foreign Minister, Mr. Arita, at the reopening of the Diet yesterday.

Under Japan's plan for creation of a new order in East Asia, Japan, China and Manchukuo, while each preserving their independence individually, would actively collaborate with Japan, being firmly convinced of conclusion of real peace for the well-being of the whole world.

Mr. Arita reiterated that Japan asks of China neither territory nor indemnity, would fully respect her sovereignty and would be prepared to consider abolition of extraterritoriality and foreign Concessions.

Despite repeated explanations, misunderstandings persisted abroad ascribing to Japan the intention to close the door.

"CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS"

It would naturally be necessary to enforce certain restrictions and regulations in vital spheres, but "there are vast fields we have left open in which not only the rights and interests of other countries and their nationals would not only remain absolutely unaffected but foreign participation would be really welcome."

RECONSTRUCTION

Dealing with the "China affair," Mr. Arita said Japan was now earnestly addressing herself to reconstruction work.

Mr. Arita fiercely attacked the Comintern, and declared that disturbances in peace and order in Europe and Asia could invariably be traced to the Comintern.

He accused them of being responsible for the so-called long-term war in China and the guerilla tactics.

SELFISHNESS

He asserted that the principal causes of world unrest to-day lie essentially in the efforts to maintain the status quo not actually in accordance with justice and to the selfish attempts to stifle the development and progress of newly risen powers. — Reuter.

U.S. WRITERS' LEAGUE BACK BARCELONA

Washington, Jan. 14.

Three hundred American writers, all members of the American Writers' League, sent a letter to President Roosevelt to-day demanding the suppression of the arms embargo placed upon Republican Spain. Among the signatories were Mr. Upton Sinclair, Mr. Louis Zara, and Mr. Ronald Ogden Stewart.—Havas.

ATLANTIC AIR MAIL SERVICE

Paris, To-day.

The granting by France to America of authorisation to establish a commercial airline between France and the United States, allows for a maximum of four trips weekly.

It is conditional on a strictly reciprocal future grant to French aviation.—Reuter.

Small States Must Not Allow Criticism Of Nazis

Berlin, Jan. 16.

The "complete neutrality" which Germany demands from her smaller neighbours was the subject of an article in the monthly magazine "NS Monatschefte" under the signature of Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, leading Nazi theoretician.

The author's idea is that a small state cannot be considered neutral if the population is allowed openly to express its feelings. The Reich cannot admit that the small neutral states satisfy the principle of neutrality if, for instance, the population is allowed to attack the Nazi regime.

Neutrality "Sabotage"

The writer referred to Switzerland which, he said, "should logically refuse to shelter Jewish, Marxist and Communist emigrants considered by her totalitarian neighbours as organisers of neutrality sabotage."

The fact that several hundred thousand Germans were still pitying the Jews and had no other worry but the lack of coffee, is sufficient proof that there is still a great amount of ideological work to be done in the Reich by political leaders who must place their entire energy into this task, Herr Wilhelm Boerger, one of the principal chiefs of the Nazi Blackshirts, stated at a Nazi district meeting to-day.

"Branch of Moscow"

Herr Goerger termed the Old Testament "an inexhaustible source of knowledge of Judaism" and specified that "New York, London, Moscow, and Bucharest are the four centres from which emanate all Jewish intrigues for the domination of the world."

The speaker then referred to the League of Nations as "a branch of Moscow" from where one is trying to govern the work. constitute an international army, and centralise world economics. "M. Litvinoff is reignover the entire organisation," Herr Boerger added, referring to the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs. —Havas.

POLICE LONG SERVICE MEDALS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to authorize the following awards:

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Cantonese Contingent. Police Sergeant Chan Pui, Police Sergeant Tsoi Yee, Lance Sergeant Pang Chi, Lance Sergeant Kwok Kam, Lance Sergeant Chau Pui Lance Sergeant Chu Wo, Lance Sergeant Wong Kam Ling, Police Constable Chan On, Police Constable Tang Yu, Police Constable Chan Kiu.

First bar to the Colonial Police Long Service Medal:—Indian Contingent. Lance Sergeant Zaman Ali, Cantonese Contingent, Police Sergeant Lam Kwan.

FRENCH JOURNALISTS EXPELLED FROM ITALY

Rome, January 14.

The French woman journalist, Mlle. Madeleine Angles, who was on her way to Rome, was expelled from Italy soon after having crossed the frontier. No explanations are given though she had a regular passport and visa.

The well-known French writer, M. Jerome Tharaud, was recently expelled in the same manner.—Havas.

COUNT CIANO'S MISSION IN YUGOSLAVIA

London, To-day.

The attempt to bring about political rapprochement between Yugoslavia and Hungary is regarded as the main object of the visit of Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, to Belgrade.

Except for saying that the Italian suggestion for establishing a free zone for Yugoslavia at Trieste is considered unacceptable by Yugoslavia as likely to compete with Yugoslav ports on the Adriatic, the British press refrains from speculation.

The Rome correspondent of "The Times" says he has gained the impression that Italy has abandoned all thought of being able to alter the map of Central Europe and is now bent on stabilizing conditions.

The impending visit of Count Ciano to Warsaw is, in the opinion of the correspondent, designed to serve this purpose.

The "News Chronicle," in a special despatch from Belgrade, expresses the view that Italy is intent on getting both Yugoslavia and Rumania to grant their Hungarian minorities the most liberal treatment possible in order to further a plan of trilateral rapprochement.

Germany and Italy, this despatch contends, are competing for the political favour of Yugoslavia. —Trans-Ocean.

MINORITY QUESTION

Milan, To-day.

Lengthy accounts are published in the Italian press of Count Ciano's talks with Dr. Stoyadinovitch.

The diplomatic correspondent of "Popolo d'Italia" stresses the political importance of the warm welcome given to the Italian Foreign Minister by the Yugoslav people.—Trans-Ocean.

FATE OF SCHUSCHNIGG STILL A MYSTERY

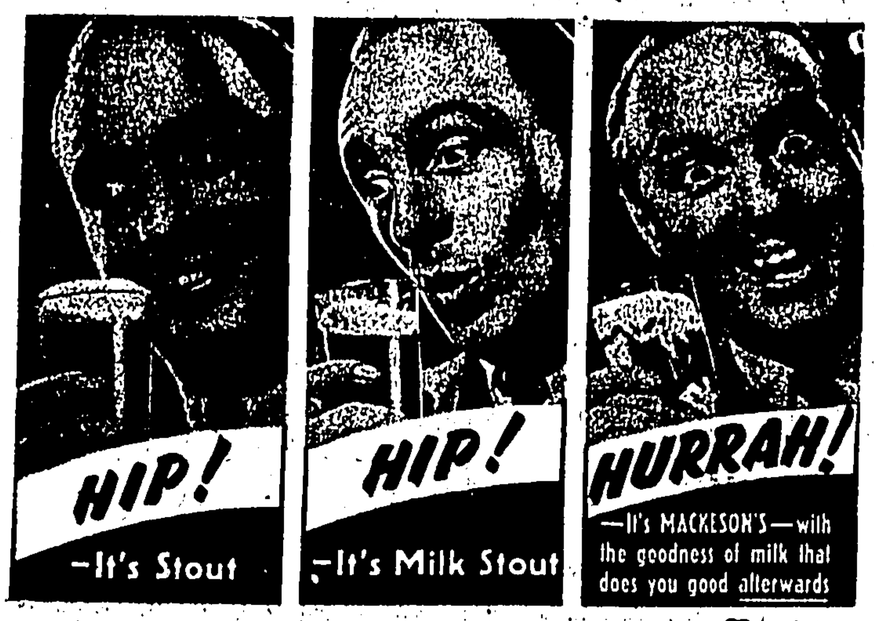
Berlin, Jan. 15.

The fate of Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg, former Chancellor of Austria, is still undecided.

According to reports from Vienna, he is imprisoned in the Metropole Hotel, the headquarters of the Gestapo, (secret police), and no preparations have been made for his trial.

Nazi circles in Vienna assert that his health is not bad, although he is suffering from considerable nervousness.

Members of the former Legitimist circle in Austria declare that he refused to be freed as long as his farmer comrades, at present in the Dachau concentration camp, are not freed as well. —Havas.



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MIRROR OF OPINION

One day, we are told, by some of those who ought to know, that our defences reveal grave deficiencies, lacunae, gaps, or chasms.

We are depressed and the country eagerly asks what it can do to help. The country is told to be ready and "ruthless" (Sir John Simon).

Another day, we are informed that we should have put up a good show had there been war in October (Sir Samuel Hoare).

Later the Prime Minister says that "our preparations have now proceeded far enough for us to say with confidence" that we are in a position to fulfil our obligations to our people at home, to the British Empire and to our Allies.

On the same day, Sir Thomas Inskip said an even more remarkable thing.

He said that we have "a formidable system of world-wide defence," and that we are completing those defences, so that it may no longer be necessary for us to refrain from "appropriate action," and so that "the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary need not be hampered by consideration of weakness or default on our part."

And yet, while he was making this speech, Lord Lloyd worried the House of Lords by declaring that our Mercantile Marine is in no way capable of meeting the strain that would be imposed on it by a European war. He revealed the grave effect of this deficiency upon our Naval mobilisation as it affected officers and men of the Royal Naval Reserve a few weeks back.

All of which flatly contradicts the earlier reassuring statement of Sir Thomas Inskip's.

What are we to conclude?

We conclude that opinions differ regarding our preparedness, approaching or achieved.

We also conclude that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have indeed been hampered (as we guessed) by our weakness; and that our action has therefore not been appropriate, but forced.

It sounds disquieting. But we are only reporting and comparing Ministerial and Parliamentary utterances.

In so doing, we hope not to be accused of fouling our own, or anybody else's, nest.—"Daily Mirror."

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While the nations of the world outside Europe watched with absorbed and sympathetic interest—but at a distance—the unfolding of the grim drama of Czechoslovakia, the people of this island (Britain) witnessed and endured the spectacle from the front-line trenches. . . .

The democratic system is on trial for its life, and he (the average citizen) knows it. He has watched with admiration the fervent readiness of the German people to sacrifice individual comfort for the benefit of the community, and he has noted with envy the physical fitness and discipline of the German youth. He recognises the dynamic power thus engendered; and at the same time he is profoundly convinced that a democracy — once it is roused and inspired by quality of leadership — can reach higher levels of attainment by the richness that resilient individualism contributes. Democracy—in Britain as in France—is waiting for a lead. Whether or not it is forthcoming is more important for the future of Western civilisation than even the production of Bren guns and fighting planes.—"Round Table."

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Though the exceptionally large harvest gave rise to some unusually difficult problems, King Carol's Government is making good progress towards a solution—thanks in part, it must be admitted, to the British Government's recent purchase of a large quantity (200,000 tons) of Rumanian wheat for a war reserve . . . The establishment of personal contact between the ruler of Rumania and political and business circles in London will help to create an atmosphere of good will which should assist future negotiations, when they assume tangible shape and form. Various schemes are under consideration, and in due course some of them at least will reach the negotiable stage.—"Financial News."

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Is the Four-Power Pact going to be an instrument for the subordination of all the smaller peoples of Europe to the will of Germany and Italy? After all, if Italy's right to determine the government of Spain is recognised by Great Britain and France, why should they question the right of Germany to determine the government of Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, or Scandinavia? The smaller nations of Europe preserved their liberties in the nineteenth century, with great advantages to the culture and spirit of Europe, partly by a rough balance of power, partly by the reserve strength of the British Navy. Are not Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax, obsessed by the false idea that the only problem before them is that of satisfying Germany and Italy, starting a process under which those liberties will be lost?—"Manchester Guardian."

ST. GEORGE'S BALL OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

Mr. Stanley Dodwell's Witty Speech

Hong Kong society gathered at the Peninsula Hotel last night in large numbers on the occasion of St. George's Ball which was, as usual, an outstanding success.

All the ceremonial of tradition was observed, the party of eight Beefeaters which preceded the official procession into the Rose Room to mark the opening of the Ball, being particularly colourful and striking.

In addition to the modern ballroom variety, the dance-programme included several old-fashioned dances among them being the Sir Roger de Coverley.

Both the ballroom and the outside of the Hotel were specially decorated for the occasion a huge "St. George for Merry England," spread across the entire front of the building, being very effective.

The President, the Hon. Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, in proposing the toast "England," said:—

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

When Kipling wrote those five verses in his "Actions & Reactions" which he called "The Puzzler," he must have written them especially for the benefit of the Presidents of St. George's Societies for these occasions, to help them break the ice, and put our Scottish, our Welsh, and our Eire-ish guests, as well as our guests from Ulster, in a happy and contented frame of mind. Most of you will remember them.—

"The Celt in all his variants from Builth to Ballyhoo,
His mental processes are plain—one knows what he will do,
And can logically predicate his finish by his start;
But the English — ah, the English —they are quite a race apart.
Their psychology is bovine, their outlook crude and raw.
They abandon vital matters to be tickled with a straw,
But the straw that they were tickled with—the chaff that they were fed with—
They convert into a weaver's beam to break their foeman's head with.
For undemocratic reasons and for motives not of State.
They arrive at their conclusions—largely inarticulate. Being void of self-expression they confide their views to none;
But sometimes in a smoking-room, one learns why things were done.
Yes, sometimes in a smoking-room, through clouds of "Ers" and "Ums,"
Obliquely and by inference illumination comes, On some step that they have taken, or some action they approve—
Embellished with the argot of the Upper Fourth Remove.
In telegraphic sentences, half nodded to their friends,
They hint a matter's inwardness —and there the matter ends.
And while the Celt is talking from Valencia to Kirkwall,
The English — ah, the English!—don't say anything at all!"

And now of course you will all expect the President, "being void of self-expression," to sit down without further ado. Unfortunately for you all, years ago, in the dim and distant past, my forebears were turfed out of Ireland (as it was then called) either for being too much for or too much against the Government — which, has never been clear—and I seem to have inherited a dash of Irish which has rendered me slightly less inarticulate than the average Englishman, particularly when surrounded by so many friendly Celts, all securely muzzled (laughter).

PRECIOUS GIFT

Kipling realised, when he wrote those lines, that the beginning of all wisdom in people and in nations is to be able to laugh at themselves. It is a gift so precious that if only the Almighty had distributed it equally amongst all nations, we should have been spared much of the trouble in the world to-day, and that Utopian relationship, called the Brotherhood of Nations, would have emerged long ago from the land of make-believe into the realms of reality.

We English of course have the faculty developed to a very high degree, but not by any means to the same extent as our Scottish neighbours. They have reduced it to such a fine art that the thousand-and one stories the Aberdonians tell about themselves not only provide a fund of amusement for all of us, but are gradually eradicating the very trait in the Scottish character they so often of ridicule (laughter). At least, that is my experience, having so many large-hearted, broad-minded Scottish friends in the Colony.

Of all the stories emanating from Aberdeen, perhaps the best is the sequel to Sandy MacPherson's visit to London to see a specialist about his heart. You all know, of course, how Sandy booked from station to station in case his heart gave out on the way up to London. When he arrived in London, Sandy was warned by a friend that the specialist's fee was 5 guineas for the first visit and 2 guineas for subsequent ones, with the result that Sandy entered the specialist's consulting room in that jaunty debonair manner so characteristic of the Aberdonian, and, brandishing two guineas, greeted the specialist with a cheery "Here we are again Doc". The specialist eyed him suspiciously, but nevertheless overhauled Sandy with meticulous care, and then pocketing the 2 guineas, told him to carry on with the treatment he had recommended on his first visit. The specialist also hailed from Aberdeen.

Ever since the honour of the Presidency was conferred upon me, I have spent many a long weary hour in the Club library (laughter) — not, as you surmise, in the armchairs — but in the archives, searching for something to the credit of our Patron Saint, with which to refute the libellous statements made about him by some of my predecessors. Unhappy, my search was unavailing. It disclosed that St. Andrew, St. Patrick and St. David are all well established in mythology, if not in history, as godly men, but all the evidence points to St. George having really been the somewhat dissolute fellow of the adventurer type that my predecessors described him. Nevertheless, with that innate contrariness of us astonishing English, we adopted him, and who shall say our judgment was at fault? He has slain our dragons for us throughout the ages, and will continue to slay them provided that we see to it that his armour is the best we can prvoide, up-to-date and fit in every way to cope with the dragons of to-day. For, strange as it may seem, in these enlightened, highly civilized days, with their much vaunted standard of culture and education, the world's dragons are a far more fearsome breed than ever they were in the ignorant days of chivalry.

NATIONAL ASSET

But Patron Saints have other uses than merely slaying dragons. A really popular Patron Saint is a great national asset, especially to democracies, for often quite a lot of wise and farsighted things can be done in the name of a popular Patron Saint that cannot be done under some of the disabilities democracies are heir to. It has always been a mystery to me why that great democratic nation, the United States of America, has never yet discovered her Patron Saint. She is, of all nations, the one that needs a Patron Saint. She loves everything that is old, and indeed almost everything that is old has already found its way to her hospitable shores. Sometimes I even suspect her of coveting St. George, but as we cannot possibly part with him, and as it is rumoured that she is likely to become the standard-bearer for democracy, it is quite time she did something about a Patron Saint.

Curiously enough, on New Year's Eve, a little incident occurred which raised my hopes that at last she was beginning to recognise her responsibilities in this matter.

I had just arrived at the Peak Club Fancy Dress Dance, disguised as a Turkish Diplomat, complete with harem. (laughter) I was pondering, amidst all the merriment, over what 1939 might have in store for us, when to my astonishment my hand was warmly shaken by a figure representing the very embodiment of my idea of what America's Patron Saint should look like. It turned out to be none other than Addison Southard, America's popular Consul-General, who modestly protested that he was merely Friar Tuck. I shall always refuse to believe him and continue to regard that coincidence as one of happiest omen. (Laughter)

Of course, I do not presume to know whether this distinguished son of America is really seeking such drastic promotion, (laughter) but from our point of view, America might search a long time and not find a more worthy candidate. Admittedly, for our peculiar taste, he is probably not quite dissolute enough, (laughter) but on the other hand he is undoubtedly of the adventurer type. Having served his country in so many parts of the world, we could count upon him not to bury himself away in saintly isolation in some remote corner of the Middle West, sitting on a fence waiting to see what happens to the rest of the world. (laughter).

GRIPS WITH REALITIES

Our American friends might think over my suggestion of a Patron Saint. It's not so fantastic as it sounds, and of one thing at least they may be sure. St. George would extend to him a cordial welcome into the ranks of the Calendar of Saints.

In conclusion, let me make my peace with those more serious-minded members of our Society, who, expecting from their President an intelligent and considered resume of world affairs, have been so bitterly disappointed. I make them my apologies, but I'm afraid in no repentant mood. I would remind them that our sense of humour, our ability to maintain it and keep smiling, no matter what the conditions, has always been our greatest asset in times of trouble and always will be.

I therefore echo His Excellency's New Year message. Let us lift up our hearts. Let us, if we want to, go to the Gripps and have a good time, provided always that we also come to that other kind of grips—to grips with realities. For at this period n our history no member of the Empire can afford to underrate the grave responsibilities imposed upon every one of us by the difficulties of the times we live in. Unhappily, not all the dragons of to-day are outside our own domains. Far too many of them are within it, and perhaps the two most subtle and dangerous of them all are apathy and drift. St. George cannot slay those beasts for us. That is our job, and it is a job we must faithfully perform before we can satisfy our consciences that we are contributing our bit to the cause of Freedom and Justice, and so earning for ourselves the right to that Peace the Prime Minister is so earnestly working for. It is in a spirit of determination to accept those responsibilities and fulfil them that we will all now drink to the Toast of our Homeland—England.

The President held a dinner-party at the Hotel prior to the commencement of the official proceedings.

The following attended:—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and Lady MacGregor, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Southard, Commodore and Mrs. E. B. C. Dicken, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mrs. Smith and Miss R. Smith, Brigadier and Mrs. A. B. Thomson, Sir Vandeleur Grayburn and Miss Grayburn, Col. and Mrs. N. M. S. Irwin, Capt. C. B. Barry, R.N., and Mrs. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Macgregor, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kay, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Winter, Mrs. D. Wardle, Mr. P. A. Cox, Miss R. Vickers, The Misses Dodwell, Mr. R. K. Valentine, Mr. R. Macgregor, Mr. David Humphreys, Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, Lieut. J. P. Gunner, R.N., Mr. G. Treverton and Mr. A. Sommerfelt.

OFFICIAL PROCESSION

Following dinner the official procession formed at the West Lifts which are situated at the end of the corridor farthest from the Rose Room, at 9.30 p.m. and, headed by eight Beefeaters, entered the Rose Room at 9.32 p.m.

After proceeding half way down the room, the Beefeaters halted and turned inwards; this was the signal for the band to play the National Anthem.

At the conclusion of the National Anthem, the Governor and Lady Northcote were met by Mrs. Dodwell and party.

The following comprised the official supper-party:— The President and Lady Northcote, His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Dodwell, The Vice-President and Lady MacGregor, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Kt., K.C. and Mrs. Bousfield.

Monsieur H. van der Straeten and Mrs. Wardle, Mr. A. E. Southard and Mme. van der Straeten, Commodore E. B. C. Dicken, O.B.E., D.S.O., R.N. and Mrs. Southard, Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G. and Mrs. Dicken, Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Kt., C.M.G., LL.D. and Mrs. Smith, Col. Sir Richard Needham, Kt., C.I.E., D.S.O. and Mrs. Thomson, Brigadier A. B. Thomson, M.B.E. and Mrs. Peck, Group Captain A. H. Peck, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.F. and Mrs. Hancock, Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., LL.D and Mrs. King, M.B.E., Hon. Mr. T. H. King and Mrs. Kay, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. W. Kay and Mrs. Cock, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E. and

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Here's Luck!

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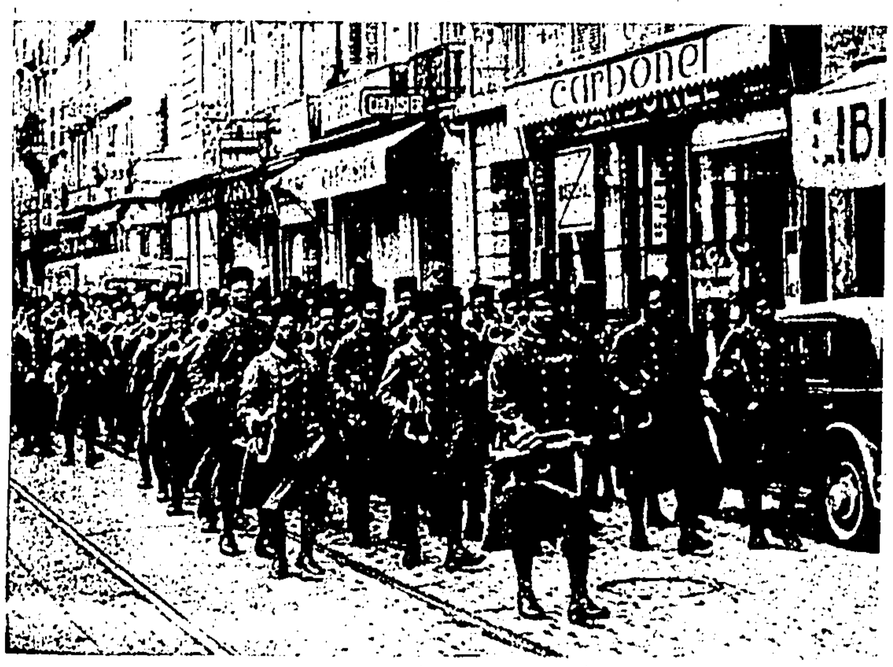
Generals Georges and Vuillemin, of the French General Staff, leaving on the French Premier's visit to Corsica and Tunisia.



M. Daladier, the French Premier recently inspected the Mareth fortifications, the "Maginot Line of Tunisia" which guard the Protectorate's Libyan frontier. En route he paused to review 15,000 troops drawn from all the southern desert detachments while aeroplanes roared overhead. A Tunisian gazes wonderingly at two of the many anti-tank guns massed at Ain Tounine for the great review in the desert before the Premier.

(Left)—French Senegalese troops leaving their Barracks at Toulon for Marseille, where they embarked for Somaliland.

The battle-cruiser Repulse, which will carry Their Majesties to the New World when they make their trip there, is now in dry dock at Portsmouth, being prepared for the Royal Visit. Photo shows the immense battle-cruiser in dry-dock at Portsmouth.

(Left)—Tunisian troops on parade ready for the review in the desert at Aine Tounine before the Premier.

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(Left) — The French Premier, M. Daladier, all smiles as he leaves for his all-important trip to Corsica and Tunisia. A large number of his friends gathered at the Paris Gare de Lyon to see him off.

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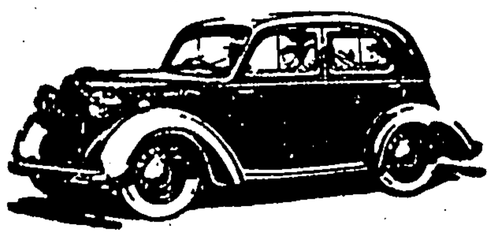

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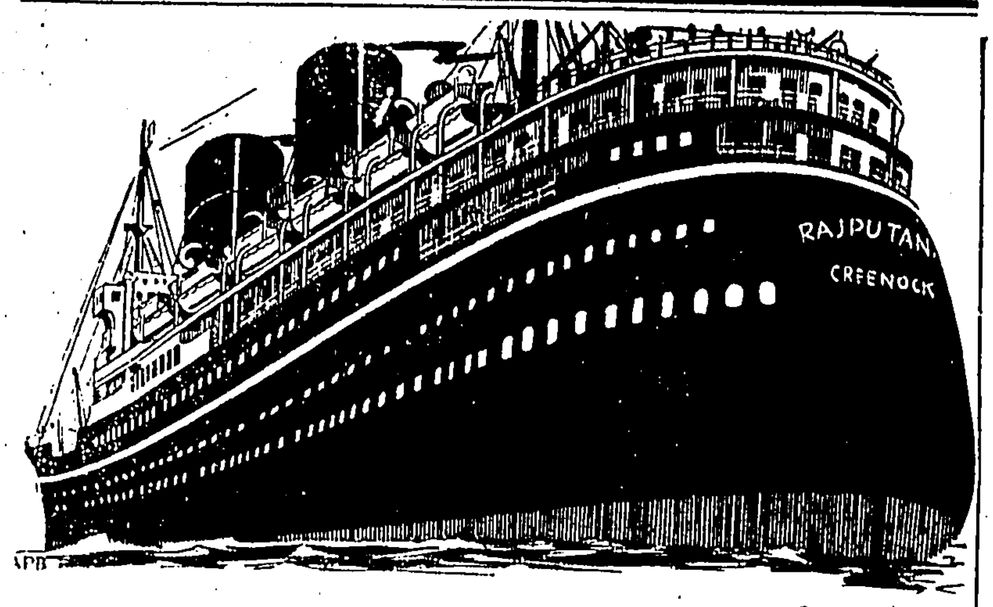

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SUNDAY		
Haiphong	Esang	Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
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MONDAY		
Shanghai	Soudan	Jan. 23, 10.30 a.m.
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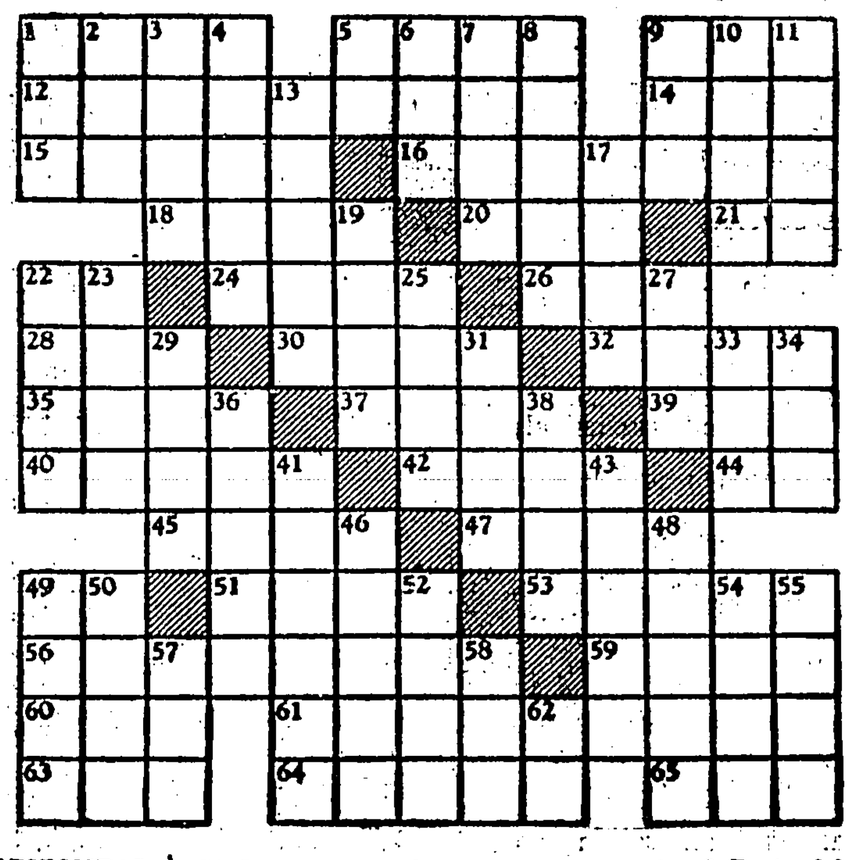

HORIZONTAL

1 City of India
5 Young quadruped
9 Auxiliary verb
12 Bitterness
14 To frost
15 Gold coin
16 To starve
18 Mended
20 Address of respect
21 Plural suffix
22 Parent
24 Period
26 Hebrew measure
28 Conjunction
30 Legal claim
32 Beak
35 Unheeding
37 Glance
39 Memorial post
40 Continuing
42 Non-clerical
44 Pronoun
46 Offspring
47 Civil injury
49 Success
51 Liege
53 Crown
56 Antipathy
59 Lustrous mineral
60 Preceded
61 Seed albumen
63 Land measure
64 Ray
65 Spanish: king

VERTICAL

1 To follow
2 Portuguese colony
3 Outfits
4 Askew (Sc.)
5 Musical syllable
6 S. American tribe
7 Achievements
8 Verse
9 Part of body
10 Pain
11 Algerian title (pl.)
13 Stair post
17 Pertaining to speech
19 To fasten
22 Floating leaves
23 Dill
25 To stagger
27 Crate
29 Stage
31 Pertaining to cows
33 Not ready
34 Goddess of mischief
36 To deride
38 Luxurious growth
41 Demises
43 Pithy
46 Beverage
48 Candle
49 Fete
50 Beyond
52 Beverage
54 Unusual
55 Host
57 Holland commune
58 Negative
62 Prefix: apart

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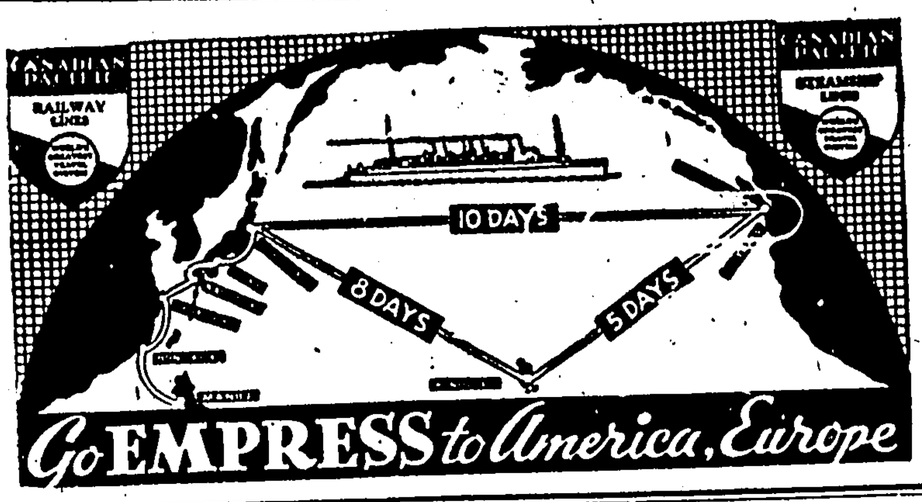

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MALAYA SELECT 17 PLAYERS

Rugby Interport With Hong Kong

Seventeen of the 19 players of the Malayan Rugby Union side to visit Hong Kong have already been selected.

Probables for the remaining two berths are in view and will be announced as soon as the players concerned are able to say definitely whether they will be able to travel.

The 17 players chosen so far are: Full-back; D. R. Harper (Selangor), Captain; threequarters, A. P. Craigie (Singapore), Ewart and Lyle (Penang); Richardson (Army), G. F. Brown (Selangor); halves, J. L. B. Hardwicke (Selangor), J. B. Potter (Singapore) and F. W. Simpson (Army); forwards, D. McBride and P. W. Bourne (Selangor), H. I. McLennan and I. S. Mackenzie (Johore), J. N. McHugh and R. W. McCall (Perak), Harding (Negri), Vinycomb (Army).

The side will leave for Hong Kong on the evening of January 28, immediately after the North Versus South game which is being held here.—Malaya Tribune.

FASCIST DAILY 'SPITS' IN FACE OF FRENCHMEN

ROME, JAN. 13.

"WE SPIT IN THE FACE OF ALL CITIZENS OF THE COWARDLY FRENCH REPUBLIC," THE RADICAL FASCIST NEWSPAPER. T E V E R E, WROTE TO-DAY IN A VIOLENT ARTICLE.

The article was unprecedented in its severity against a State not at war with Italy. It was published under the signature of its Editor-in-Chief, Signor Telesie Interlandi.

The news organ "spits in the face" of all Frenchmen, "who owe to Italy and exclusively to Italy the safety of their territory during the World War."

"French Army Beaten"

Tevere declared that the "French Army were beaten during the first months of the war and were already accustomed to show only the seats of their pants for German boots to kick."

It asserted that France's famous Napoleon Bonaparte was an Italian and it declared that France in the time of the "Little Corporal" was "an Italian colony."

Referring to "calumnies against Italian valor," the newspaper pointed out that there are "Italian war dead buried in vile French soil at Bligny."

Spit In France's Face

With raging violence. Tevere continued, "we spit in the face of France because of the nonsensical stupidity of the fable about the Gallic cock not being frightened of the Roman wolf.

"This cock has become an arterio-sclerotic and prudent capon whose joints alone are still hard.

"The French poultry-yard is gradually becoming a rabbit kennel."

The news organ concludes, "This is our last reason for spitting on the ugly face of this vile and stinking bird.

"And that is enough, because all in all, Italian saliva is worth more than the French citizen who is spat upon. The Third French Republic does not deserve much Italian spit!"—Havas.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Friday, 20th January, 1939.

BUTT AND FIRING POINT REGISTER

Immediately after firing on the range all butt and firing point registers will be handed to the Corps Storeman by the Officer in charge of the firing point for transmission to H. Q.

RIFE TABLE A—PEAK RANGE

Sunday, 22nd January. H. J. 9 a.m. Recruits of the following units will attend:—

Machine Gun Troop.
Armoured Car Section.
No. 1 M. G. Company.
No. 2 M. G. Company.
R. O. D. Cadre.

Range officer will be detailed by O. C. No. 1 M.G. Company

PARADES

1ST BATTERY

RIGHT SECTION

Thursday, 26th January. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, overalls and gun platform shoes.

LEFT SECTION

Tuesday, 24th January. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. Layers' class.

Thursday, 26th January. Pakshawan. All members except Signal Section. Special manning. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 5.25 p.m., calling Kowloon at 5.35 p.m. and will leave Pakshawan at 8.15 p.m. Dress—S.D. cap, overalls and gun platform shoes.

SIGNAL SECTION

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.

2ND BATTERY

There will be no parades next week.

ENGINEER COMPANY

D.E.L. SECTION

Monday, 23rd January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. L. G. instruction.

Thursday, 26th January. Pakshawan. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections. Manning exercise. Bus leaves Queen's Pier, Statue Square at 5.45 p.m.

LYON LIGHT SECTION

Monday, 23rd January. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. Squad and arms drill. Those detailed L. L. revision.

Thursday, 26th January. H. Q. 5.45 p.m. L. L. revision.

CORPS SIGNALS

Tuesday, 24th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Signal instruction.

Thursday, 26th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Signal instruction.

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject—"Truth"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, tomorrow 22nd January will be "Truth".

The Golden Text will be:—"Ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." (Deuteronomy 32: 3, 4).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, when ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." (Luke 11: 1-4).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"The highest prayer is not one of faith merely; it is demonstration. Such prayer heals sickness, and must destroy sin and death. It distinguishes between Truth that is sinless and the falsity of sinful sense. Our Master said "After this manner therefore pray ye," and then he gave that prayer which covers all human needs. Because divine Science wars with so-called physical science even as Truth wars with error, the old schools still oppose it. Ignorance, pride, or prejudice closes the door to whatever is not stereotyped. When the Science of being is universally understood, every man will be his own physician, and Truth will be the universal panacea." (Pages 16, 144).

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MACHINE GUN TROOP

Sunday, 22nd January. See para. 2 above.

Tuesday, 24th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. E. G. D.—Load, unload, clear gun, action and cease firing.

Sunday, 29th January. Kowloon City Range. Rifle Table B.

ARMOURED CAR SECTION

Sunday, 22nd January. See para. 2 above.

Tuesday, 24th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A—L. G. stoppages. Class B—M. G. instruction.

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Class A—L. G. instruction. Class B—M. G. instruction.

Sunday 29th January. Kowloon City Range. Rifle Table B.

MOTOR MACHINE GUN PLATOON

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Anti-gas training.

NO. 1 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday 22nd January. See para. 2 above.

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Revolver training.

NO. 2 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday 22nd January. See para. 2 above.

Thursday, 26th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. M. G. training.

NO. 3 M. G. COMPANY

Monday, 23rd January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 11 Platoon—Miniature Range. No. 12 Platoon—Arms drill. Remainder.—I. A.

Monday, 30th January. No. 10 Platoon will practice I. A. with ball at Kennedy Road.

NO. 4 M. G. COMPANY

Wednesday, 25th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 14 Platoon — Preparation for Part II M. G.

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Nos. 13 and 15 Platoons. Musketry instruction.

Sunday, 29th January. Stonecutters Range. M. G. Part II. No. 14 Platoon and those men of Nos. 13 and 15 Platoons who have not yet fired.

PORTUGUESE COMPANIES

NO. 5 M. G. COMPANY

Sunday, 22nd January. Stonecutters. M. G. Part II. Members are reminded that it is essential to attend in order to qualify for Weapon Training Bonus. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m .and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.45 a.m. Dress—Optional. Range Officer—Lt. C. D'Almada e Castro.

Tuesday, 24th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Points B. D. A.

A. A. COMPANY

Tuesday, 24th January. H. Q. 5. 30 p.m. I. A. Stoppages (possibles).

MACHINE GUN SIGNALS

Monday, 23rd January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Line and Operation Sections—Signal instruction. D/R. Section—Revolver instruction.

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road Range. Subsection D—Revolver practice. This is essential for Efficiency Bonus.

January duty. Signmn. Baxter and Semmelmann.

ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Thursday, 26th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Anti-gas training under Sgt. Perrins, R.A.S.C.

MEDICAL SECTION

Wednesday, 25th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m. Lecture—Map reading.

PAY SECTION

Friday, 27th January. H. Q. 5.30 p.m.

R.O.D.C.—CONSTRUCTION SECTION

Sunday, 22nd January. See para. 2 above.

CORPS ORDERS AMENDMENT

Corps Orders No. 41/38 dated 14/10/38. para. 9. Delete the name of "No. 2571 Tpr. P. E. MacCabe."

APPOINTMENT & PROMOTIONS

1290, A/C.S.M., H. M. Britto, No. 5. M. C. Coy. C.S.M. 20.1.39.

1180, A/C.Q.M.S., C. G. Silva, No. 5 M. G. Coy. C.Q.M.S. 20.1.39.

1899, Gnr., F. J. Anslow, 1st Battery, Right Section, L/Bdr. 20.1.39.

LEAVE

Lieut. C. J. Waddell, R.O.D.C., Contn. Section. 12.1.39.-30.11.39.

Lieut. G. Miskin, Reserve of Officers, 31.1.30-31.10.39.

2571, Tpr. P. F. MacCabe, M. G. Troop, Engineer Company. 17.3.38-15.1.39.

101, C.S.M. T. Bolt, Engineer Company, Lyon Light Sec. 17.12.38-17.12.39.

3156, Gnr. W. B. Rae-Smith, 2nd Battery. 1.1.39-31.12.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

2931, Pte. V. G. S. Goss, Armoured Car Section. 24.12.37.

2531, Pte. E. R. Walch, No. 2 M. G. Company. 18.1.39.

2311, Spr. W. Fogwill, Engineer Company, D.E.L. Section. 1.1.39.

2341, Pte. T. M. L. Redmond, A.S.C. Cadre. 1.1.38.

1809, Pte. J. C. Power, A. S. C. Cadre. 20.1.39.

2026, Pte. L. O. Nagel, A. S. C. Cadre. 20.1.39.

1805, Pte. C. M. Hall, A. S. C. Cadre. 20.1.39.

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OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

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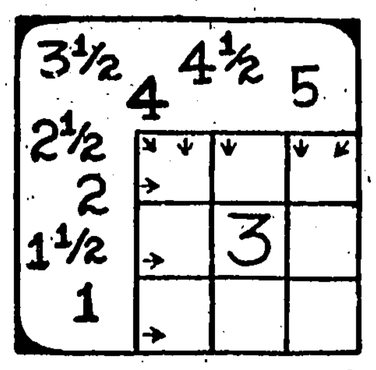

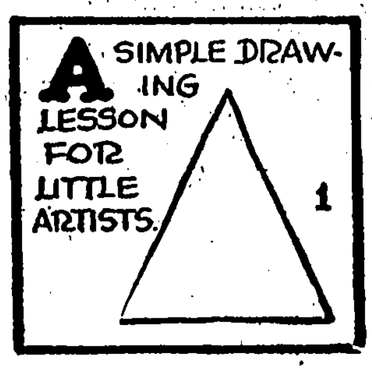

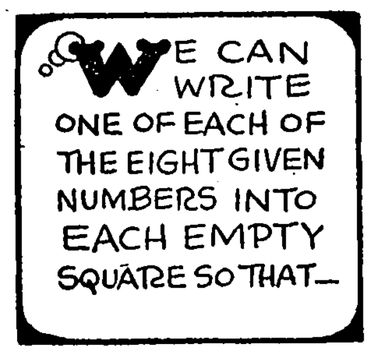

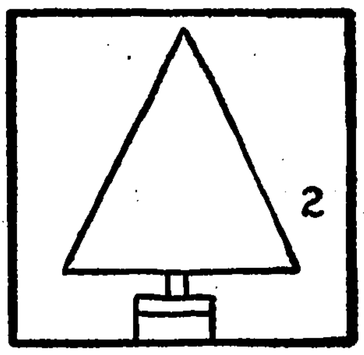

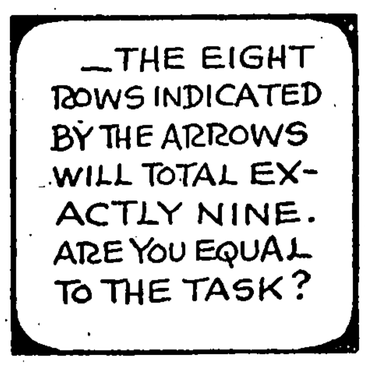

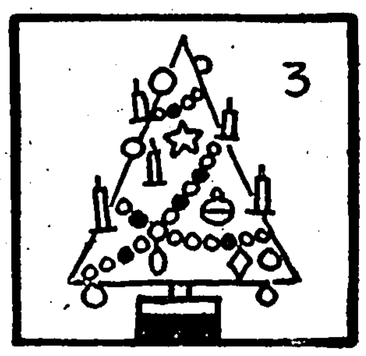

Answer on Monday.

STRENGTH-INCREASE

3229, Gnr. A. M. J. Wright, 2nd Battery. 13.1.39.

3230, Sigmn. J. V. G. Mitchell, M. G. Signals. 16.1.39.

3231, Pte. O. Thomas, Medical Section. 18.1.39.

3232, Pte. C. A. Silva-Netto, A. A. Company. 6.12.38.

S. F. HEDGECOE,
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The next lecture on First Aid will be given by the Matron, Military Hospital, at the P.W.D. Office on Friday, 27th January, 1939 at 5.30 p.m.

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CIVILIAN-ARMY LAI WAH CUP CLASH

Watson & Grogan Make Farewell Appearance

SOLDIERS FAVOURED TO ENTER THE FINAL

(By "REFEREE")

Some very exciting football should be witnessed on the K.F.C. ground this afternoon when the Civilians meet the Army in the semi-final round of the Lai Wah Cup competition, this marking the farewell appearance of two of Army's outstanding players.

Watson, the Army and Middlesex right-back, and Grogan, Army and Middlesex right-winger, will be leaving for England on Monday by the Dilwara and will be turning out for the last time this afternoon.

An outstanding feature of the Army team is the inclusion of Munton, of the Ordnance Corps, at centre-forward, this being the third occasion an R.A.O.C. Third Division player has been included in Army's representative team.

Calvert, who played for the Colony against Macao last year in the Junior Interport, will be seen on the left-wing of the Army team and should receive excellent support from Saw, probably one of the finest inside forwards in the Colony at the moment.

THREE K.F.C. PLAYERS

The Civilians will also be strongly represented, particularly in the defence which includes three Kowloon F. C. players in Ulrich (left-back), A. S. Bliss (pivot) (captain and Honniball (left-half). The only comment I can make on the forward line is the apparent weakness at inside-left where Howlett's approach methods are likely to slow down their attacking movements.

It should be a very close game with the odds on the Army, who invariably emerge successful in these representative games.

To-morrow the other semi-final match between the Combined Chinese and Royal Navy, on the

Club ground, should provide one of the outstanding games of the new year, despite the absence of several well-known South China players, who are still on tour in Saigon.

The following are to-day's and to-morrow's teams:

Army:—Hartley; Watson and Sheehan; Winstanley, Proctor and Wilkinson; Grogan, Courtney, Munton, Saw and Calvert.

Reserves:—Jackson, Fraser, Rides. Guy, Pelham and Flanders.

Civilians:—Coles (Club); Parker (Police) and Ulrich (Kowloon); North (Police), Bliss (Kowloon) (Captain), and Honniball (Kowloon); T. Pile (Club), P. Jorge (Kowloon), F. Fowler (Club), E. Howlett (Police) and Reiertsen (Kowloon).

Reserves:—Aitkens (Police), Eastman (Kowloon), Brittain (Police), W. Knox (Kowloon) and Moss (Police).

C. Chinese:—Tam Kan-kon; Ho Yung-sang and Lo Wai-kuen; Soong Ling-sing, Leung Wing-chiu and Hsu King-seng; Chan Bing-to, Cheuk Shek-kam, Wee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi and Hau Ching-to.

Royal Navy:—Hazard; Betts and Still; Honeywell, Dixon and Fisher; Armstrong, Spiller, Hendy, Thorburn and Hunt.

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SATURDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 1939

Lai Wah Cup

Civilians v Army
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Molyneux & Stedman.

First Division

St. Joseph's v Kwong Wah
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

Second Division

Middlesex v Club
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.

St. Joseph's v Ordnance
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Silva.

Royal Scots v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hooper.

Eastern v R.E. (E.)
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.

Third Division "A"

Engineers v 5th R.A.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Marriott.

Electric v Stanley
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—McIlgrew.

30th R.A. v Service Corps
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Aylwin.

Kit Che v P.W.D.
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Edwards.

Third Division "B"

Signals v A.S.A.
(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Gamlin.

Air Force v Engineers
(Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Waldron.

Stonecutters v Kumaons
(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Dove.

SUNDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 1939

Lai Wah Cup

Chinese v Navy
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Goss.
Linesmen:—Clarke & Kossick.

Third Division "B"

Powhattan v 24th R.A.
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Burgess.

University v Medicals
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Fraser.

Third Division "A"

Royal Scots v South China
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Stone.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH JAN., 1939

Third Division "A"

30th R.A. v Royal Scots
(Military, 4 p.m.)
Referee:—Hartley.

Engineers v Service Corps
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Gibson.

Third Division "B"

Signals v University
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Wyper.

LEE WAI TONG AND CHARITY FOOTBALL IN SHANGHAI

The International Relief Committee in Shanghai have arranged a Charity Football match on February 20 and have invited Lee Wai-tong to participate in the game.

A telegram to this effect was received by Sir Shou Son Chow yesterday morning, but a hitch has now occurred which will prevent Lee Wai-tong from going.

The Interport series with Manila has been fixed at about the same time, while on February 26 a big charity game between South China and the Rest of the Colony will be played in aid of the funds of the B.F.D.R.C., in which Lee Wai-tong has promised to play.

Lee is most anxious to assist as much as possible by playing in both games, if possible, and he has requested Sir Shou-son Chow to wire Shanghai of his inability to go during the latter part of February, but would be able and willing to do so, if the Charity game in Shanghai were played during the week-end of March 4 and 5.

As nothing yet has been definitely arranged in Shanghai, it is expected that the postponement can be made.

THIRD DIV. LEAGUE SOCCER CARD NEAR TO COMPLETION

Some Interesting Junior Clashes

(By "UBIQUE")

With the co-operation of the Clubs and uneffected by representative games, the Third Division fixtures should be completed within the next fortnight, as scheduled, after which only the deciding games for the Divisional Championship will remain to be played.

The Royal Scots have won the "A" section championship, while the Air Force in the "B" section have only to obtain another point in their two remaining games to earn the right to challenge the Royal Scots for the Third Division title.

Stonecutters, with two easy games left, seem certain as runners-up of the "B" section, but the same berth in the "A" section remains an interesting position and lies between South China and 30th Battery R. A.

FORMIDABLE FIXTURE

Both teams have still to meet Royal Scots, but the remaining games of 30th R. A. are not difficult ones, while South China have yet to meet the much improved P.W.D. eleven, who inflicted the first defeat of the season on the Royal Scots last week.

There are no outstanding game in the Third Division to-day, but at Sookunpoo to-morrow, a good game should be witnessed between South China and Royal Scots, and while the soldiers have nothing more to gain and the Chinese much to lose, victory will probably go to the Chinese by a small margin.

MUCH MORE INTERESTING

The defeat of South China last week by the Engineers has now made the race for Second Division honours much more interesting, as both Middlesex and 5th A.A. Regiment, R. A. are now also in the running.

Several postponed games have been arranged for to-day and the Middlesex, who will be assisted by Haigh for the last time, should account for Club, while St. Joseph's without the assistance of Ward and Pereira, are not expected to win against Ordnance, though the latter will be without Munton and Rides, who will be playing for the Army.

The First Division game between Kwong Wah and St. Joseph's should be evenly contested with the Saints winning by a small margin.

Cricket League Programme

KEEN FIXTURES ON TAP TO-DAY

(By "ADREM")

This afternoon, the Hong Kong Cricket League Programme can be said to be starting in earnest.

Junior teams got away last week, while to-day, in addition to a fairly full Second Division programme, all teams participating in the First Division will be in action.

Probably the keenest match of the day will be between Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club on the former's ground. There has always been intense rivalry between the two teams and this year, with the balance of power pretty well divided, a greater tussle than ever should result.

Kowloon will be led for the first time this season by Frank Goodwin, who recently returned from leave, and, also for the first time this season, will turn out their entire first team.

STRONG BATTING

Any slight superiority that Craigengower may have in the matter of bowling should be more than compensated for by the strength of Kowloon's batting which looks exceedingly good on paper right down to No. 10.

All being equal this afternoon, however, and having regard to the strengths of the two teams, I shall be very surprised if a definite result is arrived at. If it is, it will probably be due to the bowling of Robbie Lee, who is capable, on form, of running through Craigengower and giving K. C. C. victory.

Another game which should be pretty close is that at King's Park between Navy and I.R.C. Had "Birmingham" still been in port, I would have predicted a win for the sailors but with Moores, Manners and one or two other stalwarts from that ship away, the odds are probably slightly on I. R. C., who, if anything, have a better-balanced outfit. I do not expect very high scoring.

PROGRAMME

First Division

Navy	v	Indian R.C.
Recreio	v	Army
C.S.C.C.	v	H.K.C.C.
C.C.C.	v	K.C.C.

Second Division

H.K.C.C.	v	C.S.C.C.
K.C.C.	v	C.C.C.
I.R.C.	v	Navy
Army	v	Police
University	v	Recreio

GLUT OF RUNS

On the other hand, Club's game with C. S. C. C. should produce a glut of runs. Although Club has easily the better attack, I have great faith in Richardson, McLellan, Perry and Griffiths who will have to shoulder the task of scoring runs for the civil servants.

A great deal will depend on the form shown by John Pearce. If he is in form, he should be just the man to get the opposition out. I don't think Richardson will like him very much!

Having regard to their fine performance last week and in view of the fact that they are playing at home, I favour Recreio to secure any result in their game with Army, although it should be a fairly close thing.

THE JUNIORS

In the Second Division, the champions, Royal Navy, entertain the greatly-improved I. R. C. team

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England Has Eight New 'Caps'

Meet Wales To-day In International Rugby Classic At Twickenham

"SAFETY-FIRST" POLICY IN BACKS DISCARDED

Welshmen's Improved Pack

The first of the International Rugby Championship matches will take place this afternoon at Twickenham, where an England fifteen, including eight new "caps", will meet Wales, whose fifteen has not yet been announced, but who are reported to be very strongly represented in the pack.

The eight new "caps" in the side are Guest, Hancock, Carr, Cooke Walker, Teden, Berry, and Watkins. After all the disturbing effects of the trial matches, in which all three senior sides were beaten, the England selectors have gone for "new blood" with a vengeance.

It must be a long time since as many as eight new "caps" were called upon in a single match. Only three of the side that played against Scotland in the closing international engagement of last season retain their places. They are Toft, Harold Wheatley, and Marshall, though Prescott and Huskisson were picked and withdrew through injury.

"SAFETY-FIRST" DISCARDED

The back division shows that the old policy of "safety-first" has been discarded. There is no more brilliant attacking centre in the country than Heaton on his day and few better goal-kickers. Trial form clearly suggested that he, Guest, and Hancock would find places in the England fifteen.

The advantages of height and weight probably told in favour of Freakes at full back over the stocky Birkenhead Park man, G. A. Hosking. Freakes, who captained Oxford against Cambridge, was said, after the University match in December, to be giving up all games for some time to study for a degree. An injury prevented Freakes from starting football this season until the programme was well advanced.

OBOLENSKY OMITTED

It is unfortunate that room could not be found for the flying Russian-born Prince A. Obolensky. In Saturday's trial he displayed a resource and defensive stability that must have surprised many of his critics. Carr did not distinguish himself on that occasion and his selection can be counted the only surprise.

Walker fully earned a place, and Cook the scrum-half, who toured the Argentine with the British team in 1936, secured preference over J. Ellis (Wakefield), probably on the score of orthodoxy. Cooke prefers the long pass from the scrum, whereas Ellis is likely to attempt more individualism after the manner of the late Arthur Young.

It is a moot point whether Ellis and Walker would not be the better combination.

FORWARDS AS EXPECTED

The forwards are much as expected, with the claims of Toft as hooker again deservedly recognised. Watkins, on Saturday, played with a virility and enterprise that literally forced him into the national team, and he completes a pack that should be capable of producing scrummaging solidity and liveliness in the open. One notable absentee is R. J. Longland (Northampton), who, after 19 appearances, is passed over.

PROBABLE WELSH BACKS

Regarding Wales, their probable three-quarter line is A. Bassett and Wilfred Wooller (Cardiff), Idwal Rees (London Welsh), J. F. V. Ford (Welch Regiment), or Elvet Jones (Llanelly). There is thrust in the centre of this line and speed and cleverness on the wings. Bassett and Wooller are old caps; Jones went to South Africa with the recent British Tourists and created a great impression, so that it will be no surprise if he is chosen outright for Wales. He has only recently resumed playing since his return to this country, but he jumped into form immediately.

DOUBTFUL HALF-BACKS

The half-back position is less clear. Haydn Tanner, the Swansea and Welsh inside-half, may make an appearance while W. G. Morgan (Cardiff) and Geoffrey Davies (Aberavon) are his most prominent challengers.

At outside-half there also is doubt. W. T. H. Davies, the Swansea out-side-half, now studying at the Carnegie College, Leeds, is an unknown quantity, and the great probability is that his strongest contender will be W. E. Jones, the brilliant young Neath half-back.

Some adjustment of the forwards seems necessary, and possibly W. E. Harris (Swansea) can keep his place in the second row of the scrummage, though normally he is in the middle of the back row, and there credited with having changed all Swansea's prospects by making the scrummage solid.

The point is, however, that Wales is gaining in confidence because there is an improvement in the general standards of play.

ENGLAND'S XV

The England team is as follows:—
H. D. Freakes (Oxford University);
R. H. Guest (Liverpool University),
J. Heaton (Waterloo),
G. E. Hancock (Birkenhead Park), and
R. S. L. Carr (Old Cranleighans and Manchester);
P. Cooke (Richmond) and
G. A. Walker (Royal Air Force and Blackheath);
R. E. Prescott (Harlequins),
H. B. Toft (captain) (Waterloo),
D. E. Teden (Richmond),
T. E. Huskisson (Old Merchant Taylors),
H. F. Wheatley (Coventry),
J. T. W. Berry (Leicester);
R. M. Marshall (Oxford University), and
J. K. Watkins (Royal Navy and United Services).

SCOTLAND'S SCRUM-HALF AGAINST WALES

INTRIGUING POSITION REVEALED

(By AIR MAIL)

In the final Scottish Rugby trial held at Murrayfield last Saturday (January 14), the opposing scrum-halves were both members of the same club—Heriot's F.P. W. R. C. Brydon, the Club's second string, played in the "Scotland" fifteen, while E. O. Kollien, the Club's senior scrum, was in the "Rest" team.

There is little between them according to Club selection, but Kollien, as the man in possession, has kept his place in the first fifteen. Now the Scottish Rugby Union selectors may beg to differ! T. F. Dorward, who was Scotland's scrum-half during last season, was absent from the trial owing to injury.

F.A. CUP 4TH ROUND TO-DAY OF CHOICEST VINTAGE

Series of Sparkling London Ties

The fourth round of the English Cup which takes place to-day, is of choicest vintage. The draw has produced a series of sparkling ties. London is to have two of the best "local derbies," as Chelsea and Fulham and West Ham and Tottenham have been paired.

First Division clubs were in luck, and most of them are at home. Most of the clubs that got through their Third Round Tie last Saturday week at the first time of asking are at home.

Wolverhampton (favourites for the Cup) will be glad that they are at Molyneux when they meet Leicester City. Preston North End, last year's winners, oppose Aston Villa.

The following is the draw:—
Notts County v. Walsall.
Portsmouth v. West Bromwich Albion
Sheffield Wednesday v. Chester.
Middlesbrough v. Sunderland.
Liverpool v. Stockport County.
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Leicester City.

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S. African Second Test Comment

HAMMOND'S LATE DECLARATION CRITICISED

(By AIR MAIL)

Capetown.

That South Africa fought a magnificent uphill battle to save the game is the general opinion of the critics after the second Test match. W. R. Hammond's delayed declaration comes in for criticism.

Some of the comments are:—

Mr. N. O. Norton (president of the South African Cricket Association):—"The batting is too good for the bowling in my opinion. Not until the final Test, which is played to a finish shall we get a definite result."

Rand Daily Mail:—"Without rain, neither England nor South Africa has the bowlers to dispose of the batsmen twice in four days' The team winning the toss has a big initial advantage, but, so far, Hammond has not combined his luck with a spirit of adventure."

Johannesburg Star:—"Hammond's late declaration played into the hands of the South Africans. England missed a grand opportunity of seeking victory by not closing the innings late in the afternoon of the second day, when the South Africans were tired and demoralised. There is not much wrong with the quality of the cricket, but the safety-first spirit behind the game is open to criticism."

Natal Mercury:—"Nourse proved himself an even greater batsman than we in Natal (Nourse's province) accounted him. If unable to claim the honours, South Africa proved that its cricketers are keen and adequate."

A. J. Pienaar (president of the Western Province Cricket Union), in justifying Mitchell's slow batting, said:—"Many people are ready to criticise when a batsman has not played in the manner they wished, but they are the first to applaud them on the results they achieve."

Sir Abe Bailey (who saw England bat on Monday):—"Hammond played a fine innings, but he declared too late."

Hammond's use of the heavy roller, which appears to have evoked a good deal of unfavourable comment in England, has aroused little interest in the South African Press. The "Johannesburg Star" merely mentions that Hammond used the roller with the object of causing the wicket to crumble, but that it had no noticeable effect on the wicket.

Everton v. Doncaster Rovers.
Blackburn Rovers v. Southend United.
Birmingham v. Chelmsford City.
Millwall v. Grimsby Town.
or Tranmere Rovers.
Leeds United v. Huddersfield Town.
Cardiff City v. Newcastle United.
Preston North End v. Aston Villa.
Chelsea v. Fulham.
West Ham United v. Tottenham Hotspur.
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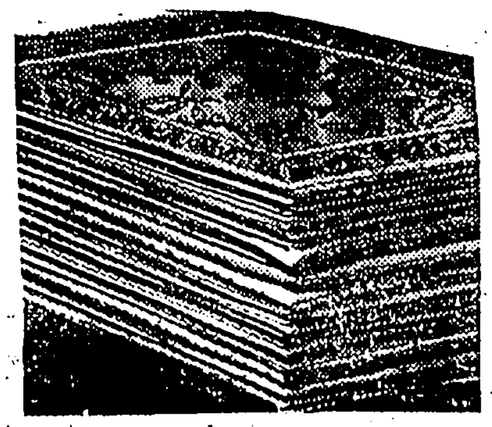

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England's Strong Position

Paynter And Hammond Undefeated For 197 & 99 Take Score To 373 For 2

WELL PLACED FIELD IS EASILY PIERCED

Durban, To-day.

Despite early batting failures, England are in a very satisfactory position in the third Test match against South Africa, which opened here yesterday on a perfect wicket, Ernest Paynter, Lancashire's brilliant left-hander, and W. R. Hammond, being undefeated at the close of play with 197 and 99, respectively, and England's score being 373 for 2.

There were 5,000 people present when Hammond won the toss and sent in Hutton and Gibb, the Yorkshire pair, to open England's innings. Hutton did not last long, stepping in front of a ball from Gordon and was given out leg-before when only 31.

Hutton gave a confident display, driving powerfully and reaching the boundary on four occasions in his 39 minutes at the wicket.

Paynter joined Gibb, who was very uncomfortable, playing a defensive innings and scoring 13 runs in 70 minutes. He was mildly barracked. Paynter was just the opposite and, having got his eye in, was very aggressive, punishing any loose ball unmercifully. The 100 was hoisted just before lunch.

NARROW ESCAPE

Paynter reached his half century in 80 minutes and had a very narrow escape from stumping when at 54. He had stepped out to drive Langton missed the ball, but Wade, the Springbok wicketkeeper, fumbled the ball and Paynter managed to get back into the crease, straining his leg, however, in doing so.

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS

Hutton, l.b.w., b Gordon	31
P. A. Gibb, c Wade, b Davies	38
Paynter, not out	197
W. R. Hammond, not out ..	99
Extras	8
Total (for 2 wkts.)	373

Fall of wickets: — 1 for 38 (Hutton), 2 for 153 (Gibb).

ENGLAND:—to bat: Ames (Middlesex), Edrich (Middlesex), B. H. Valentine (Kent), Verity (Yorkshire), Wright (Kent), and K. Farnes (Essex). N. W. D. Yardley (Yorkshire) is 12th man.

SOUTH AFRICA:—B. Mitchell, P. van Der Byl, E. Rowan, A. D. Nourse, N. K. Viljoen, A. Melville, E. L. Dalton, W. W. Wade, A. B. C. Langton and E. Q. Davies.

Gibb was eventually taken behind the wickets by Wade off Davies' bowling, skying a ball in trying to pull a riser. He had scored two boundaries in his 130 minutes at the wicket. Hammond joined Paynter.

Paynter continued in dashing style on the easy-paced wicket and reached his century in 144 minutes, including 10 boundaries.

BIG STAND

Paynter and Hammond hoisted the 200 in 192 minutes, taking the score to 225 for 2 at tea, when they were undefeated for 119 and 31 respectively.

Hammond gave a grand display of driving and graceful sweeps to the leg and reached his 50 in 99 minutes, scoring six boundaries. Paynter continued his aggressive all-round knock and eventually reached his 150 in 232 minutes, having 14 boundaries. The 250 was hoisted in 248 minutes and the 300 in 275 minutes, the partnership realising 100 runs in 112 minutes and 200 runs in 154 minutes.

Both batsmen were in brilliant fettle and pierced the well set field very easily. Rain stopped play with the score at 338 but they were later able to continue and carry the score to 373 at the close of play, Paynter and Hammond being undefeated for 197 and 99 respectively.—Reuter.

CRICKET LEAGUE PROGRAMME

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and this game should provide some indication of the probable destination of the championship.

Another game of a similar character will be that between University and Recreio. I have great hopes for the latter team who have the material necessary for championship winning.

SOME SENIOR TEAMS

H.K.C.C.:—H. Owen Hughes (captain), F. H. Stokes, M. F. L. Haymes, L. T. Ride, T. A. Pearce, J. L. C. Pearse, G. P. Longfield, J. L. Ilsley, L. D. Kilbee, P. H. Scoomes, D. S. Blake and A. C. Beck (12).

C.C.C.:—E. Zimmern (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, D. Hung, A. R. H. Esmail, A. K. Ismail, A. T. Lee, U. M. Omar, W. Rapley, G. Souza, A. Zimmern and F. R. Zimmern.

K.C.C.:—F. Goodwin (captain), D. J. N. Anderson, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. C. Burnett, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, S. V. Gittins, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd and N. A. E. Mackay. Umpire, J. P. Robinson.

C. de R.:—A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.). N. Beltrao, J. Gonsalves, E. L. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, P. M. N. da Silva, jr., E. M. L. Soares and A. N. Other.

SOME JUNIOR TEAMS

H.K.C.C.:—C. W. E. Bishop (captain), A. K. Mackenzie, J. E. Potter, N. P. Fox, D. S. Robb. H. J. Armstrong, R. M. M. King, H. J. D. Lowe, V. C. Bond, W. Stoker, S. J. Cooke, D. O. Parsons (12).

C.C.C.:—J. L. Young-Saye (Capt.), A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, A. Kitchell, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, H. P. Lim, A. M. Omar, W. K. Way and G. Winch.

K.C.C.:—W. Mulcahy (captain), R. Baldwin, F. A. Broadbridge, H. Brokenshire, S. A. Gray, B. D. Lay, W. L. McKenzie, R. A. J. Simpson, G. E. Taylor, G. A. White, A. N. Other. Umpire, H. Overy.

R.A.O.C. HEAVILY DEFEATED

At Sookunpoo on Thursday, Command Headquarters beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 9 wickets.

R.A.O.C.:—52 (Emberson 15, Hunphries 19; Eddy 6 for 20, Martin 3 for 30).

Command Headquarters:—92 (Eddy 40 retired, Martin 31; Boocock 2 for 14, Ayre 3 for 0).

TO-DAY'S LADIES' HOCKEY PROGRAMME

The following is to-day's Ladies' hockey programme:—

CAER CLARK CUP

C.B.A. v. H.K. LADIES
(C.B.A., 2.45 p.m.)

C.B. SCHOOL v. "Y" LADIES
("Y" ground, 2.45 p.m.)

BRAWN CUP

SEAFORTH LADIES v. H.K. LADIES
(Happy Valley, 3 p.m.)

ST. ANDREW'S v. C.B. SCHOOL
(St. Andrew's, 4 p.m.)

RECREIO "A" v. C.B.A. LADIES
(Recreio, 3 p.m.)

RECREIO "B" v. "Y" LADIES
(Recreio, 4 p.m.)

IMPORTANT BRAWN CUP CLASH TO-DAY

H.K. Ladies-Seaforths To Meet

Two matches are scheduled for the Caer Clark Cup this afternoon and four in the Brawn Cup, the most important of which is the clash between Hong Kong Ladies and Seaforth Ladies, at the Valley.

Seaforth Ladies' dropped their first points last Saturday to Club de Recreio "A", but Hong Kong Ladies still retain their 100 per cent. record and on present form look favourites for to-day and the Brawn Cup Championship.

TO-DAY'S TEAMS

The following are some of to-day's teams competing in the Caer Clark and Brawn Cup Leagues:—

CAER CLARK CUP

"Y" Ladies:—Mrs. M. Read; Mrs. R. Burke and Miss A. Fowler; Mrs. Stone, Miss M. McCaw and Mrs. Williams; Mrs. O. Burnett (Captain), Miss B. Harker, Miss H. Bockler, Miss M. Smith and Miss M. Westcott.

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss D. Moss; Miss P. Everest and Miss P. Whitley; Miss J. Booker, Miss I. Woolley and Miss M. Parsons; Miss J. Ewing, Miss M. Booker, Mrs. M. White, Mrs. B. Stoker and Miss D. Hunt.

H.K. Ladies:—Mrs. J. Lunson; Miss E. Gray and Miss R. Smith; Mrs. J. G. Dalziel, Miss B. Pope and Miss A. Purvis; Miss D. Baker, Miss M. Simpson, Miss J. Greig, Mrs. W. Waddell and Miss M. Smalley.

BRAWN CUP

C.B.A. Ladies:—Miss P. Macfayden; Miss L. Dunne and Miss V. Beaumont: Mrs. Webb, Miss C. Bone and Miss M. Duckworth; Miss B. Louis, Miss J. Crawford, Miss M. McAlpine, Miss K. Winch and Miss E. Hunt.

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Recreio "A":—Miss Z. Barros; Miss M. Ribeiro and Miss O. Botelho; Miss M. Silva, Miss P. Gonsalves and Mrs. L. Silva; Miss B. Remedios, Miss M M. da Roza. Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss M. da Roza.

COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Arrangements for the Badminton championships were discussed at a meeting of the Council of the Badminton Association held yesterday, with the Rev. J. R. Higgs, President, in the chair.

It was decided to hold two men's singles championships, senior and junior, the latter to be confined to "B" Division players. In the event of the senior championship entries being fewer than ten, however, the two competitions will be merged into one.

For the first time, a ladies' doubles championship will also be held. The Council also decided to reduce the entrance fee for the men's singles championships from $3 to $2, but that of the men's doubles and mixed doubles will remain at $4 for a pair. The entrance fee for the ladies' doubles is $3 per pair.

The championships will start some time next month, but no definite date has yet been fixed, the matter being left in the hands of the following subcommittee:—Messrs. H. Kew, M. A. Oliveira, C. H. Summers, R. E. Lee and S. A. Gray.

LOCAL RUGBY INTERNATIONAL FINAL TO-DAY

England Will Be At Full Strength

EARLIER MATCH FOR "WOODEN SPOON"

(By "REFEREE")

The final of the local International Rugby Championship between England and Scotland, which takes place on the Club ground this afternoon at 4 p.m. should produce a very interesting match, particularly in view of the many changes in the England team.

At 2.45 p.m., Ireland and Wales will clash to determine the holders of the "wooden spoon" and, as both are fairly well-balanced teams, a good game should result.

It will be recalled that England only fielded 14 men for their semi-final round clash against Ireland but will be at full strength to-morrow with the return of Pte. Berry, to their second row.

Lt. Catlow (Medway) will be seen at full-back instead of Pay. Lt. Stevens, who has left the Colony on the Kent, while Bosanquet will be right wing threequarter instead of G. K. Chadwick, who is not available.

The following are to-day's teams.

England:—Lt. Catlow (Medway); D. I. Bosanquet (Club), H. D. Bidwell (Club) (Captain), P. O. Askwith (Dainty), Lt. Walters (Medway); Sgt. Lang (R.A.O.C.), Lt. Talbot (Medway); Spr. Appeley (R.E.), K. W. Salter (Club), Gnr. Evans (5th. A.A.); Pte. Berry (Middlesex), W. E. Pears (Club); Lt. Ogle (Medway), Lt. D'Oyly (R.S.) and J. Redman (Club).

Scotland:—J. T. Brown (Club); D. H. Stewart (Club), W. E. Grieve (Club), L/C. Boe (R.S.), F. O. Thomas (Eagle); J. Hutchison (Club), J. R. Henderson (Club); Lt. Cuthbertson (R.S.) (Captain), J. S. Dunnett (Club), K. A. Watson (Club); L/C. Sutherland (R.S.), Pte. Coombe (R.S.); Lt. Anderson (Medway), A. J. G. Taylor (Club) and Lt. Crawford (R.C.S.).

Ireland:—M. W. MacGrath (Club); H. van Leeuwen (Club), D. Hynes (Club), Surg. Lt. Ellis (Medway), L. S. Stead (Eagle); Lt. Potter (Diana), Lt. Drew-Wilkinson (R.S.); Pte. Boustead (R.A.O.C.), Lt. Cmdr. Browne (Medway) (Captain), Pte. Richardson (Seaforths); E. W. Stout (Club), Sub. Lt. Hain (Eagle); L. Sgt. Page (5th. A.A.), Lt. St. John (Medway) and Ldg. Tel. Swan (Eagle).

Wales:—Cpl. Lewis (8th. Heavy); Bdr. Freer, (8th. Heavy), Gnr. Ritchards (8th. Heavy), E. R. A. Swadling (Eagle), H. F. Hopkins (Club); Lt. Ram (Duchess), Lt. Chapman (Medway); A. F. Walkden (Club) (Captain), Shipwright Staples (Eagle), Lt. Griffiths (Medway); Bdr. Bevan (8th. Heavy), Lt. Boddington (Medway); Gnr. Hall (8th. Heavy), C. M. Stark (Club) and Bdr. Whitehead (8th. Heavy).

To-days Wireless

London Relay Of Rugger From Twickenham

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Mozart — Concerto In C Minor, K. 491. Edwin Fischer (Piano) and The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Lawrance Collingwood.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
Gone (film 'Love On The Run'); I'm Delighted To See You Again (Hackforth); It's A Long, Long Way To Your Heart (Brandt); Once In A While (Edwards).
1.15 p.m.—Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Al Bollington (Organ).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Mary Ellis (Soprano) and the London Palladium Orchestra.
Selection Of Operatic Gems (arr. Forbes)....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by William E Pethers.
Glamorous Night (From same); When The Gipsy Played ("Glamorous Night"—Novello) .... Mary Ellis (Soprano) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orch. cond. by Charles Prentice.
Sanctuary Of The Heart (Ketelbey); The Sacred Hour (Ketelbey)..... The London Palladium Orchestra

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Fold Your Wings ("Glamorous Night"—Novello).... Mary Ellis and Trefor Jones (Duet) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orch. cond. by Charles Prentice.
25 Years Of Song (A Selection of Historical Song Successes).... The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony No. 41 in C Major "Jupiter". The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.
6.28 p.m.—Excerpts from Mozart's Operas.
"Don Giovanni"—Overture..... State Orchestra, Berlin, cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.
"Don Giovanni"—To My Beloved, oh Haste!.....Luigi Fort (Tenor) with Orchestra.
"The Magic Flute"—Ah! I Know It ....Lily Pons (Soprano) with Orchestra cond. by John Barbirolli.
"The Marriage of Figaro"—I'll Have Vengeance.....A. Kipnis (Bass) and E. Ruziczka (Mezzo-Soprano) and Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Erich Orthmann.
"The Magic Flute" — Within these sacred halls....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Clemens Schmalstich.
"Idomeneo" — Sanfte Winde, folgt dem Teuren.....Vera Schwarz (Soprano) with Orchestra.
6.45 p.m.—London Relay — "Steamboat". A programme of variety, music and drama from our floating playhouse, reviving for you some of the glories of the old showboat days. The cast will include: Dick Fracis as The Showman; Lorna Stuart; Brian Lawrence; Jack Train; and The Three In Harmony; The Orchestra (led by Josef Marais) conducted by Jack Clarke. The programme devised by Adrian Thomas and presented by William MacLurg.
7.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.32 p.m.—Hildegarde, John Henry and Billy Cotton's Band.
Fifty Million Robins Can't Be Wrong —Fox-Trot.....Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
Listen To The German Band (Gordon & Revel); I Believe In Miracles (Wendling & Meyer); Hildegarde (Vocal) with Orchestra.
You Started Me Dreaming—Fox-Trot; The Glory Of Love—Fox-Trot....Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
John Henry's Ghost (Henry)....John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.
The Moon Got In My Eyes (Burke & Johnston).....Hildegarde (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Keep A Twinkle In Your Eye—Fox-Trot....Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra and Jessie Matthews.
Soliloquy (Murray); Gipsy Melody (Nelson & Knight).....Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
It's Love Again (from the film); 'It's love again').....Jessie Matthews (Vocal) with Orchestra.
The Fairies Gavotte (Kohn); Rosa Mia (Fisher & Potter).....Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Everything's In Rhythm With My Heart (from 'First a Girl'); The Little Silkworm (from 'First a Girl')....Jessie Matthews (Vocal) with Orchestra.
For Love Of You (film); Prelude (Haydn Wood)....Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
8.35 p.m.—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.
"Follow The Fleet" Selection (Irving Berlin); Ray Noble Medley ....with Reginald Foort at the Organ.
Medley Of Paso-Dobles; "The Gold Diggers Of 1937"—Selection (Arlen & Young); "A Day At The Races"—Selection (Kahn, Kaper & Jurmann).....with Al Bollington at the Organ.
8.50 p.m.—London Relay — 'London Log'.
9 p.m.—An English and Welsh Programme.
Song Of The Flood (Hiralthog & Fychan); Olwen Mine (Crwys)....William Edwards (Tenor) with Harp Accomp. by Telynores Gwyngyll (Sung in Welsh).
The Leek—Selection....The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crean.
O Peaceful England ("Merrie England"—German)....Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra.
"The Rose" (Selection of English Melodies—arr. Myddleton)....The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Crean.
Rose Of England ("Crest of the Wave"—Novello)....Edgar Elmes (Baritone) accomp. by Male Chorus and The Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra cond. by Charles Prentice.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) Silencio; (b) Maruja; (c) Lagrimas; (d) Zapateta.
10.05 p.m.—Record: Musical Comedy Medley.....Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
10.10 p.m.—(a) Carelessly; (b) Lullaby in Rhythm; (c) Make a Wish; (d) Swing Low Sweet Chariot.
10.20 p.m.—London Relay—England v. Wales. A commentary on the International Rugby Union Football Match from Twickenham.
12 Midnight.—Close down.

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◇ A x x
♣ A x x

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Question No. 9.

You are the dealer and hold:

♠ A K x x
♡ x x
◇ x x x
♣ A Q x x

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

TO-DAY'S HAND

Both sides vulnerable
Final contract: 4 spades

	♠ A 7 6 ♡ A Q 4 2 ◇ Q 8 ♣ Q 7 6 4	
♠ 10 3 ♡ 10 8 3 ◇ 6 5 ♣ K J 10 9 5 2	W N E S	♠ K 5 4 ♡ K J 9 6 ◇ K 10 7 4 ♣ A 8
	♠ Q J 9 8 2 ♡ 7 5 ◇ A J 9 3 2 ♣ 3	

The Jack of clubs was opened and when dummy and East both played low, held the trick. The ten of clubs was continued, East playing the Ace and Declarer trumping. Declarer now led the Queen of spades. East won with the King and returned a spade, West's ten forcing dummy's Ace. The Queen of diamonds was played from dummy. East covered with the King, Declarer won with the Ace and now went through a little rapid calculation. Obviously East had held only two clubs —hence there was a presumption he would be long in the red suits. Declarer had already lost two tricks and decided that if he took a heart finesse and that lost, East would return a third trump, whereupon Declarer would be left with a probable diamond loser.

Accordingly, he decided to place all his eggs in one basket and play East for having originally held four diamonds to the King-ten. He led a low heart, went right up with dummy's Ace, played the eight of diamonds, finessed the nine-spot in his own hand, ruffed a diamond with dummy's seven of trumps and eventually conceded a heart trick.

It will be noted that, just as Declarer reasoned, if he had tried the heart finesse, he would have gone down one on the hand.

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What's On At the Cinemas

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By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th. January, 1939.

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Roosevelt Denies Use Of Guam As Political Lever

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt told reporters yesterday that he was in favour of the Bill authorising the expenditure of $5,000,000 for defence improvements at Guam, the Pacific Island only 1,500 miles from Japan proper.

He explained, however, that the defence improvements did not necessarily mean fortification of the island.

The President also stressed the difference between authorisations and actual appropriations, declaring that authorisation did not necessarily mean that the project would be ultimately completed.

A change in world conditions might permit abandonment of the whole project.

The President denied that the question of the Guam defence improvements was being pressed at present as a possible basis for negotiating with Japan on the Pacific problem.—Reuter.

THE "GAZETTE"

The following official appointments and promotions are announced:

Mr. J. H. B. Lee to be Chief Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. T. B. Low to be Assistant Shipping Master.

2nd Lieuts. J. Watson and G. F. Rees to be Lieutenants in the H.K.V.D.C.

Mr. D. M. Gill to be a Wireless Technician, G.P.O.

Dr. T. W. Ware to be a Health Officer.

Miss Leung Sheung-chi to be a Member of the Nurses Board.

T.B. NOTIFIABLE

Under an Order-in-Council published in the "Gazette" to-day, tuberculosis becomes a notifiable disease. The order is connected with new efforts to check the spread of T. B. in the Colony.

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Chungking, To-day.

An unconfirmed report from Kuling states that the house of a German missionary was wrecked by Japanese bombers. It is believed that the house belongs to the 70-year-old German missionary, Dr. Wupperfield. — Trans-Ocean.

The master of the s.s. Yochow, which was coming into Hong Kong, has informed the authorities that while passing the Ninepin group of islands just outside Hong Kong, two junks were observed firing on each other.

It is learned that a police launch has been sent to the area.

London, To-day.

Replying to the further demands of the Labour Party regarding Spain, Mr. Chamberlain, in a four-line letter to Mr. Attlee, says he has nothing to add to the letter he addressed to Mr. Attlee on Wednesday.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

The hangars at Hendon aerodrome were evacuated yesterday after Scotland Yard had been informed by telephone that a bomb outrage would take place there. The area was cordonned off. Searches for hidden time-fuse bombs were, however, without result.—Trans-Ocean.

Enquiries are being made concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Kerslake, engineer of the Jardine s.s. Hangsang, who is reported as "missing" since Thursday.

NEW BRITISH AMBASSADOR

London, To-day.

The new British Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Sir William Seeds, left London yesterday to take up his post in Moscow.—Trans-Ocean.

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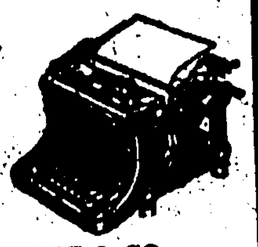

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